

FAIRY TAIL



KC
KODANSHA
COMICS

CHAPTER 545
HIRO MASHIMA



A year has passed since that battle.

The Kemu Zaleon Literary Prize for best new novelist has been awarded.

The year is X793.



And I'd like to introduce the recipient now!

A lot has happened in the meantime.



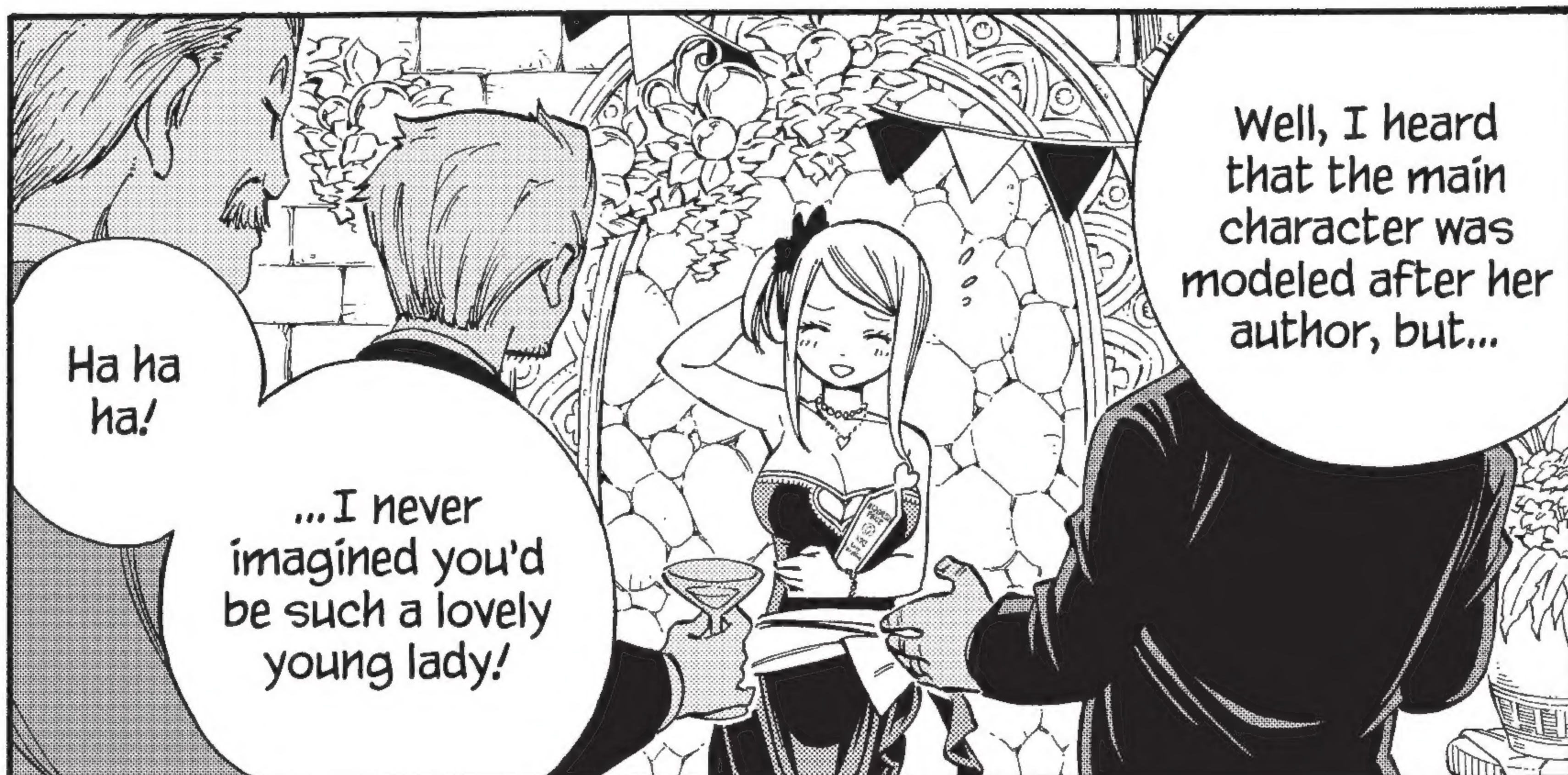
May I present... the author of The Adventure of Iris, Lucy Heartfilia-san!

But we're all doing fine.

FAIRY TAIL



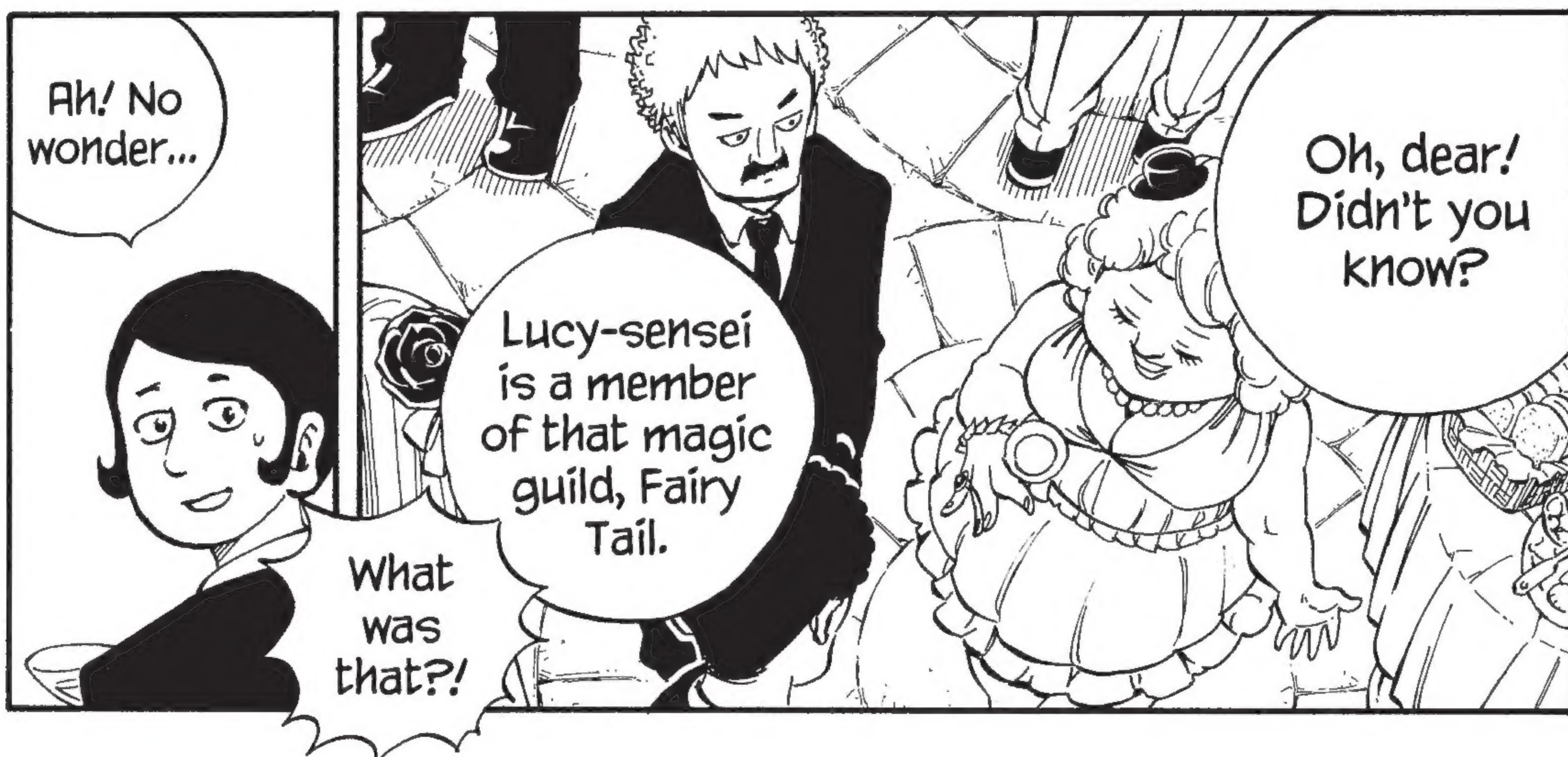
Chapter 545
"Friends You Can't Do Without"



Ha ha
ha!

...I never
imagined you'd
be such a lovely
young lady!

Well, I heard
that the main
character was
modeled after her
author, but...

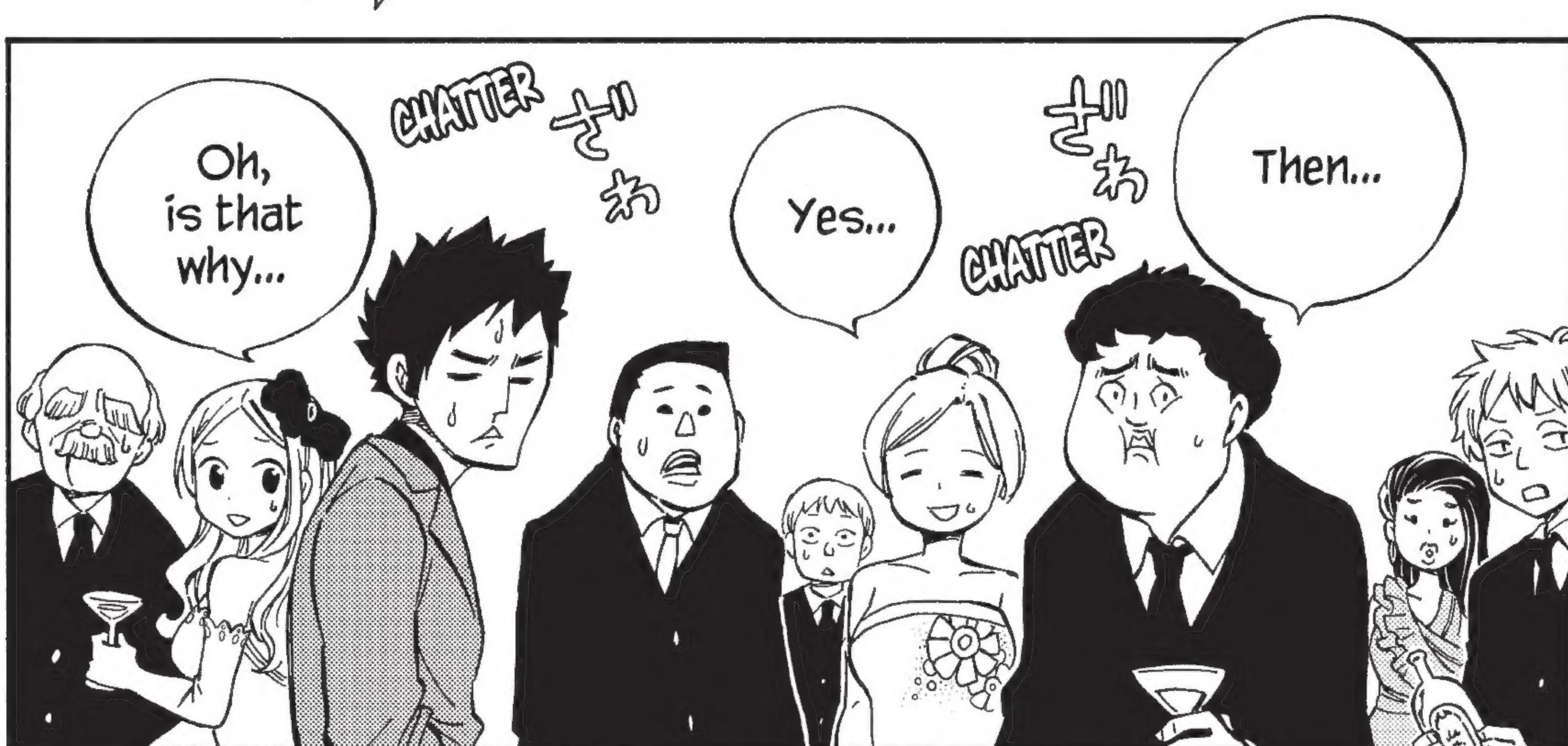


Ah! No
wonder...

Lucy-sensei
is a member
of that magic
guild, Fairy
Tail.

What
was
that?!

Oh, dear!
Didn't you
know?



Oh,
is that
why...

Yes...

Then...

**STORY
THUS
FAR.**

All the wizards on the continent sent their power to help Fairy Tail defeat the Black Dragon Acnologia!! And in that fateful moment, a well-placed punch from Natsu in the space between time shattered the spirit Acnologia, dissolving the flesh Acnologia as well! With that, the cheers spread far and wide. And Natsu appeared amid the ring of his guildmates!! This victory brought smiles back to everyone's faces as the winds of change ushered in a new age.



That's terribly vulgar, you know, Happy.

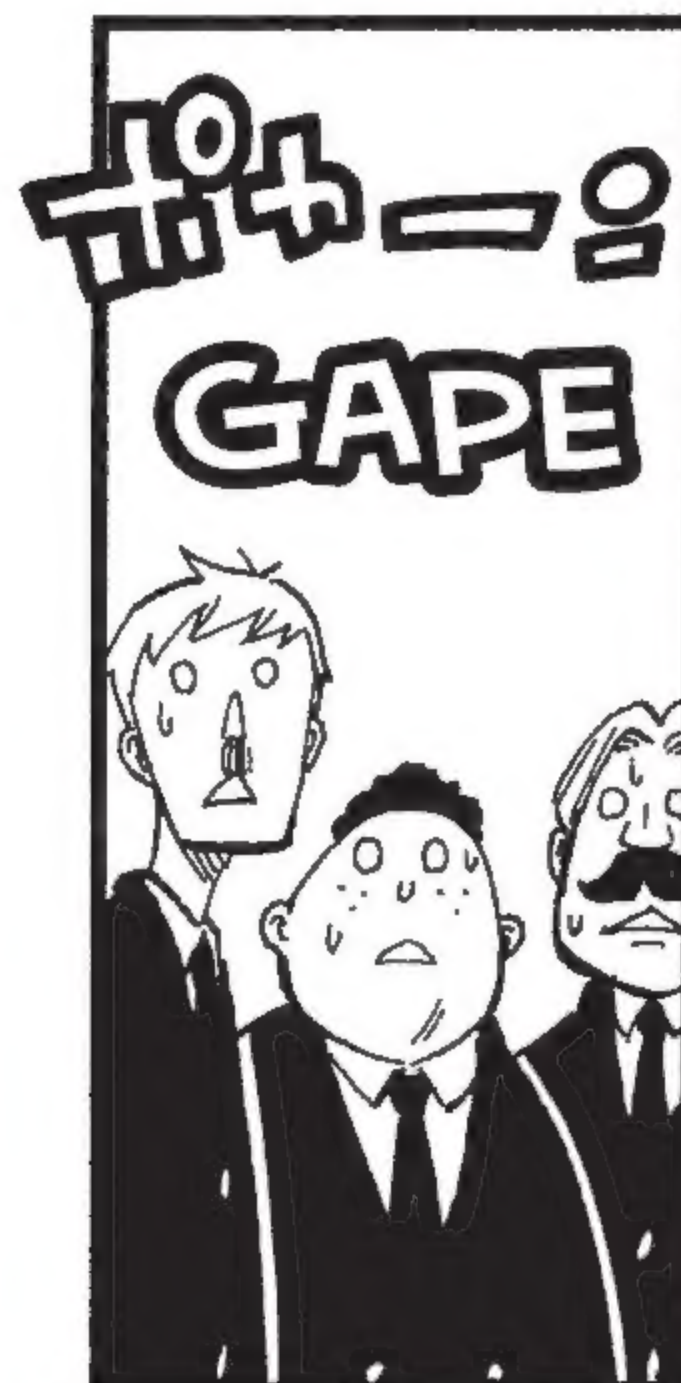
The fish is sooooo good too!!

Hya hya! This chunk of meat is so tasty!

Natsu-san, you shouldn't eat so much!

Hey!! This is a fancy party!! Keep your clothes on!!!

Whoa!! When did that happen?!



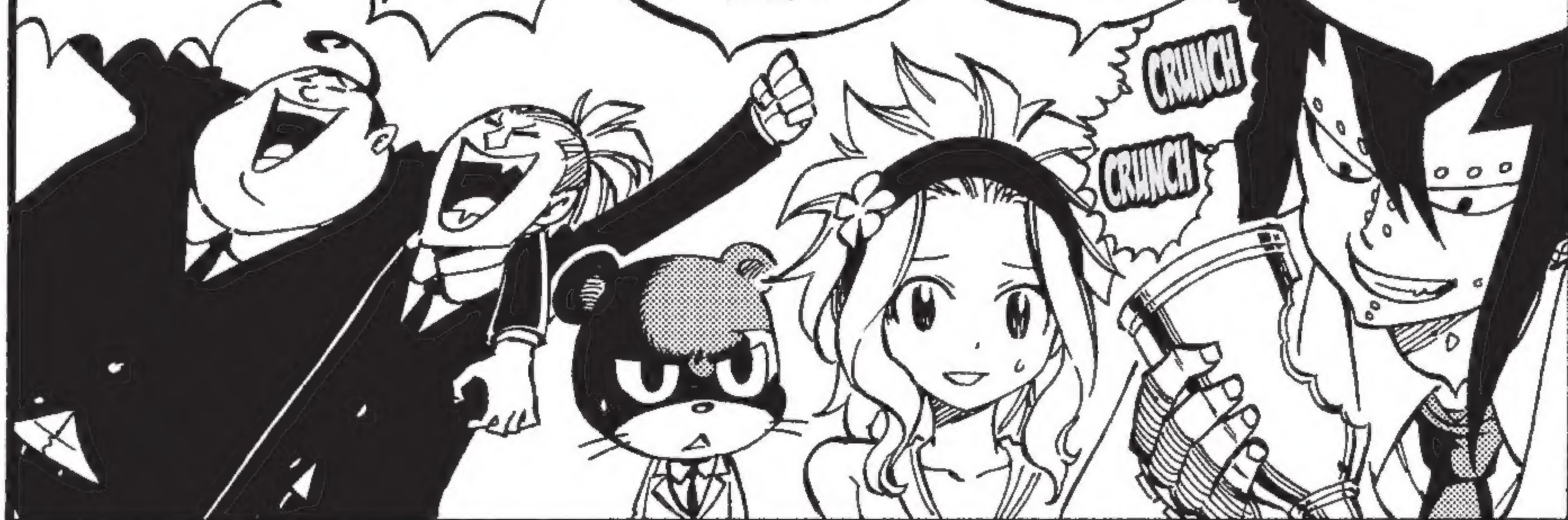
Won a prize!

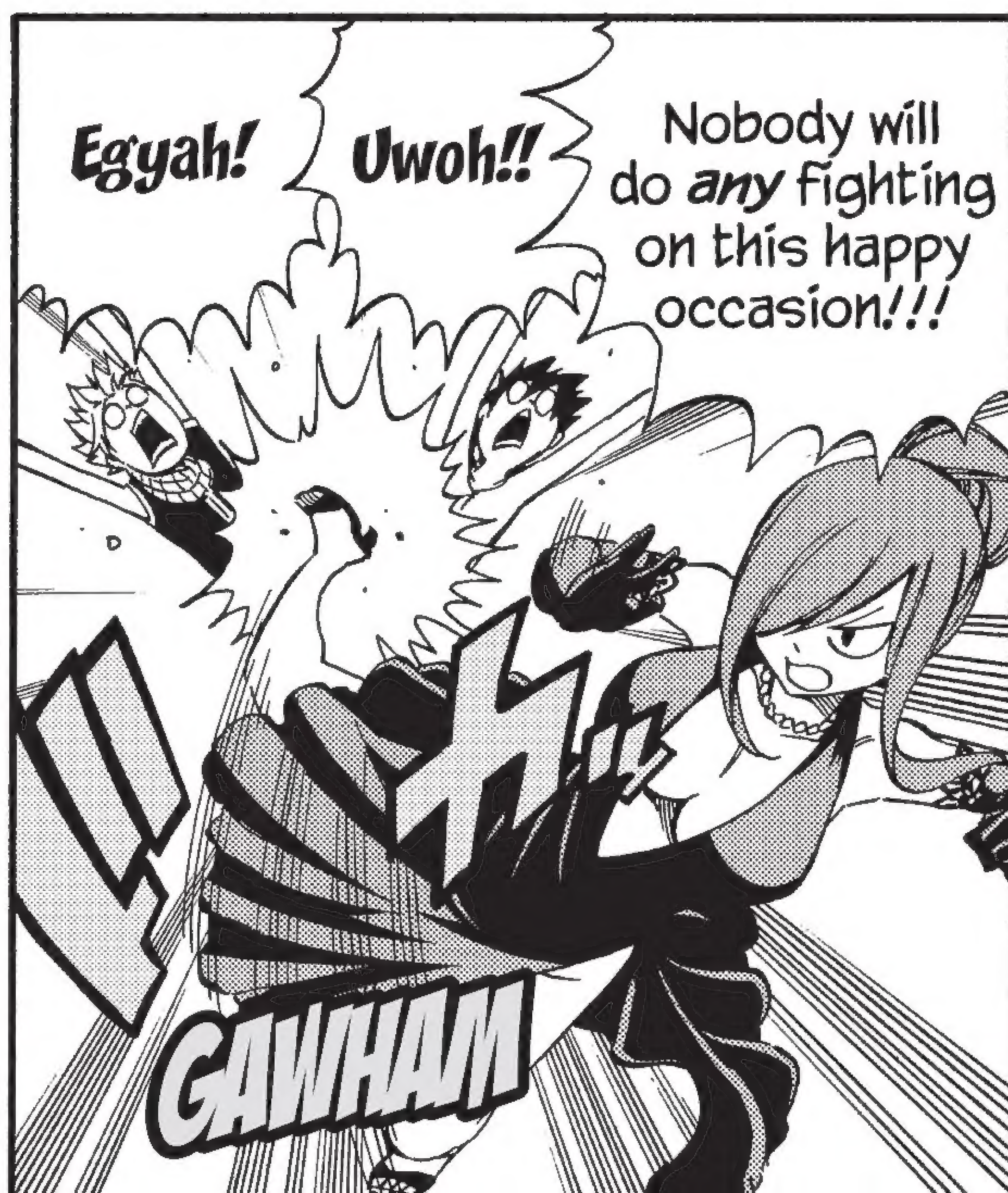
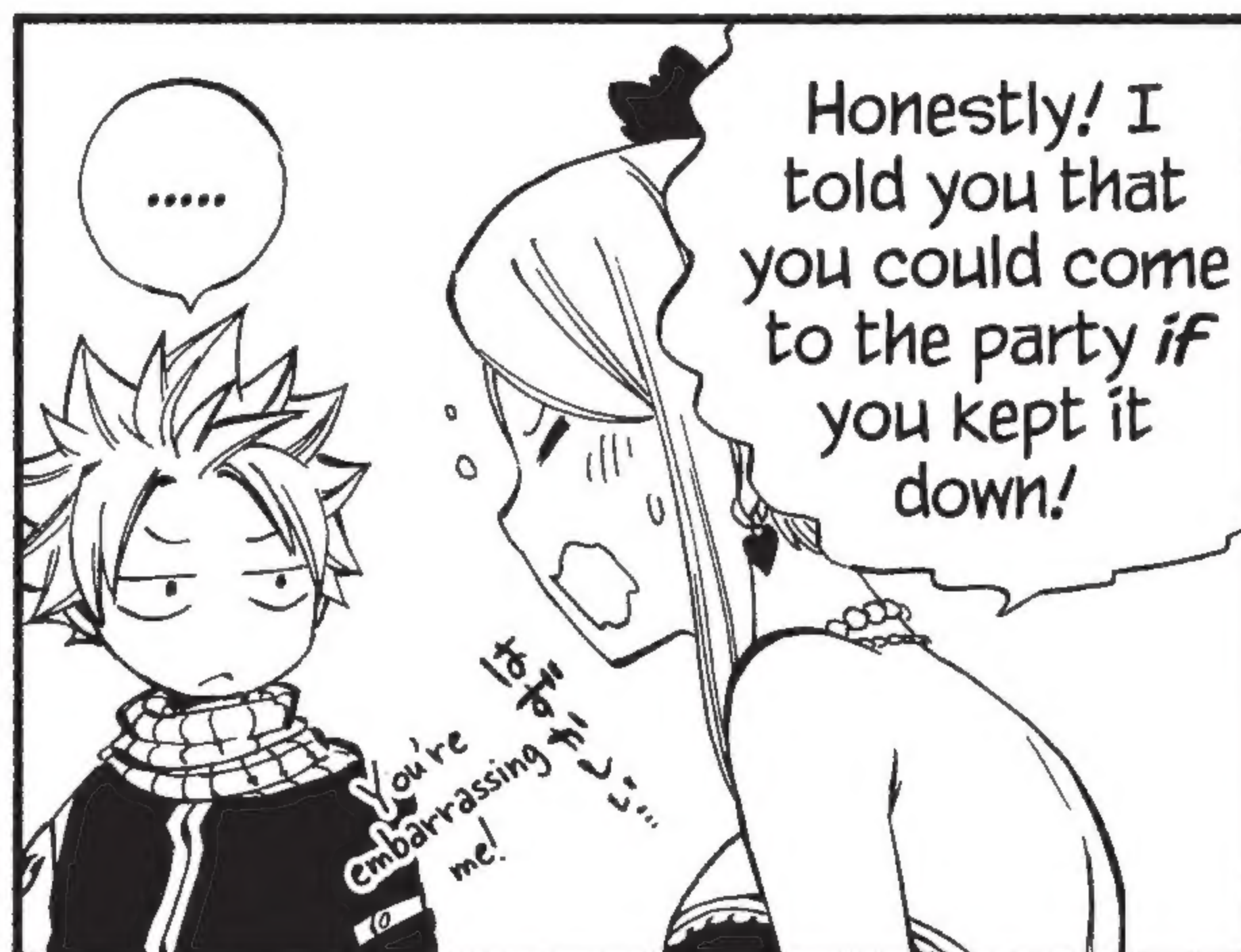
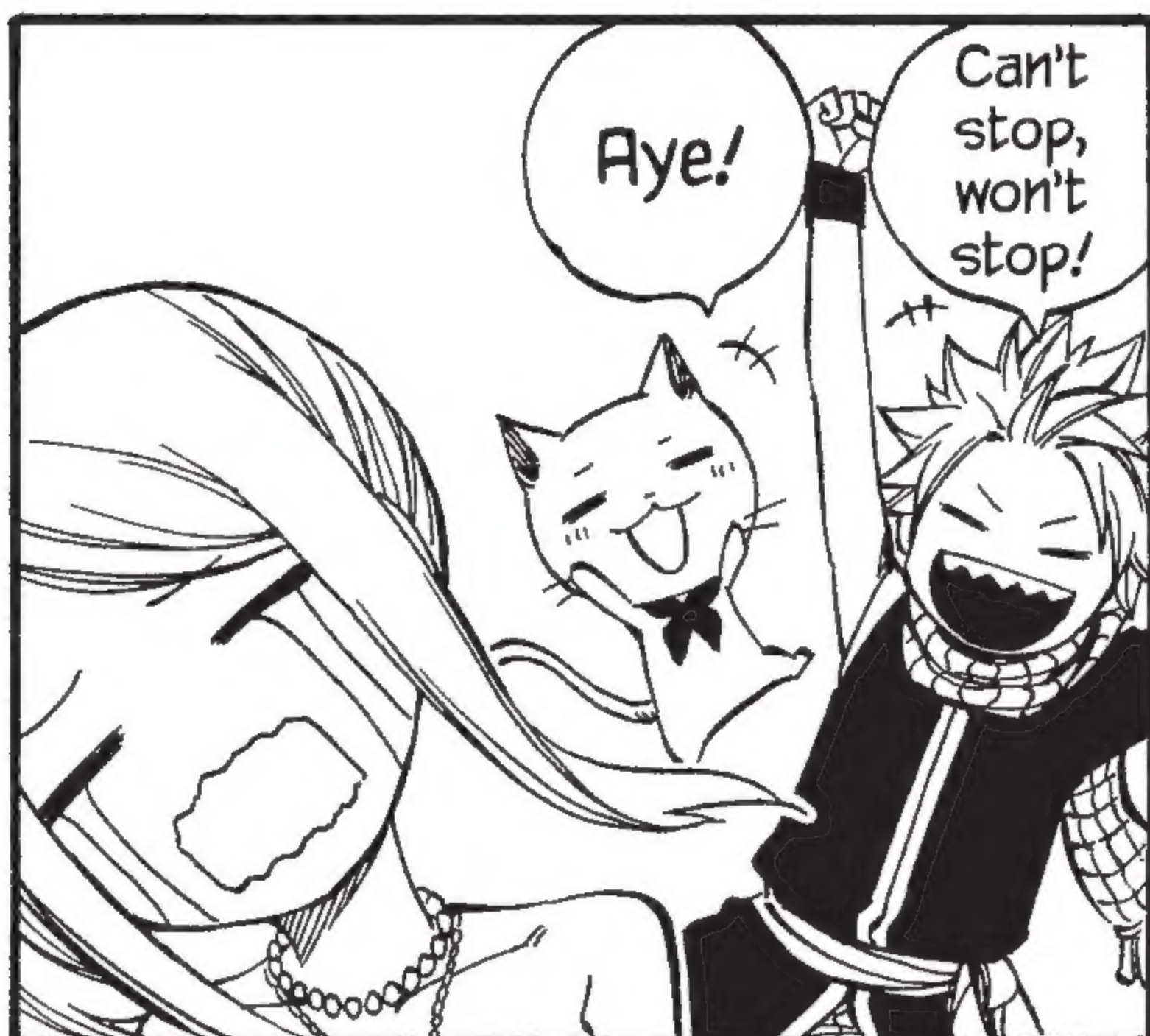
Our Lucy went and won a prize!

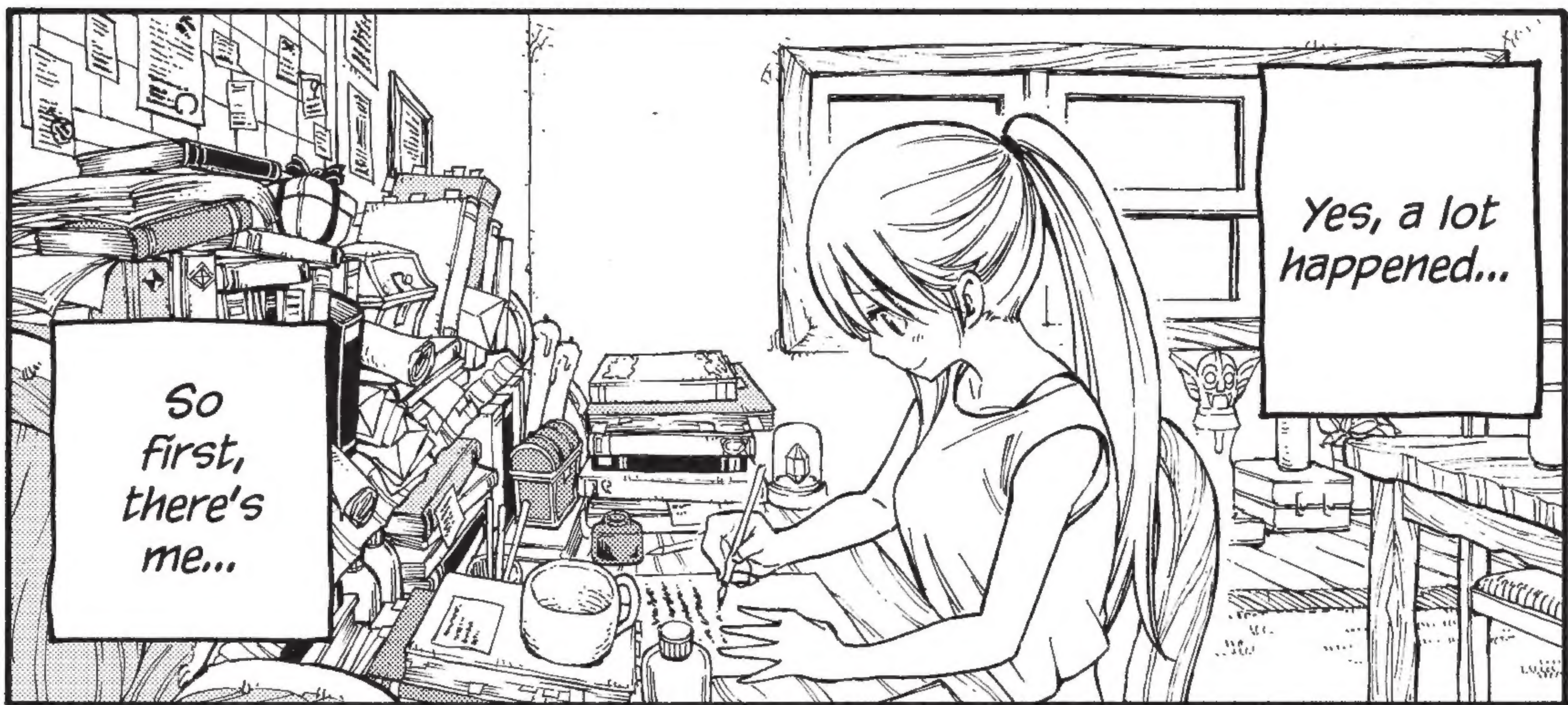
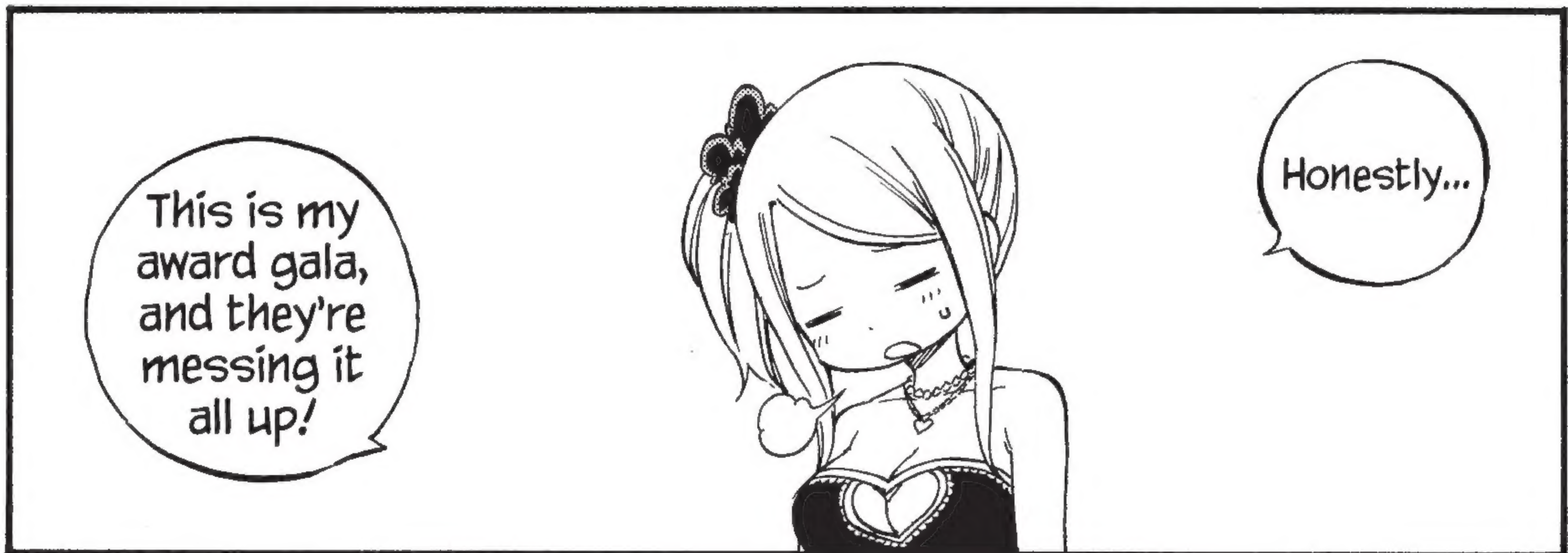
And also...I don't think it's actually iron.

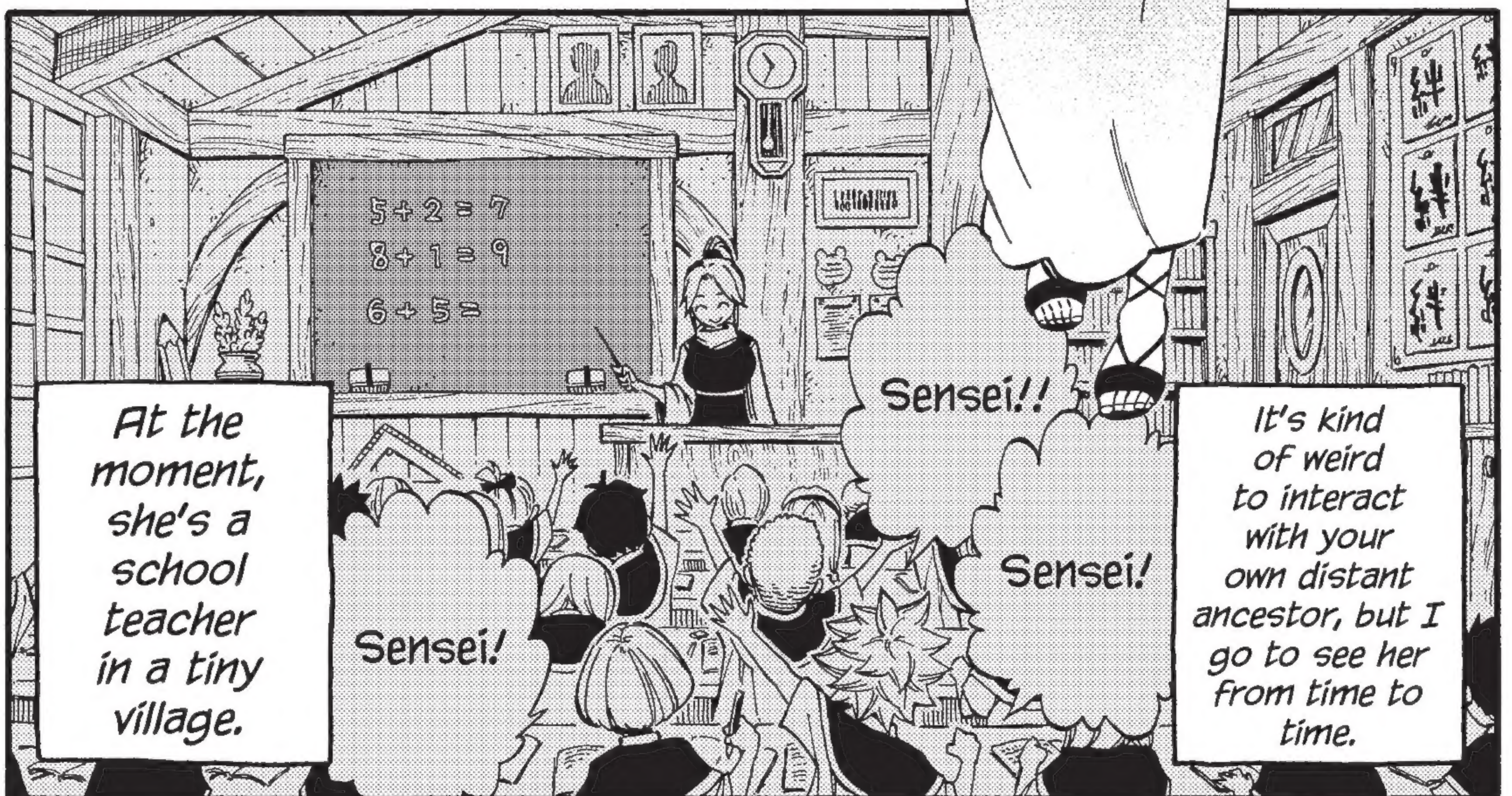
I don't think it was meant to be eaten.

This classy iron tastes great!

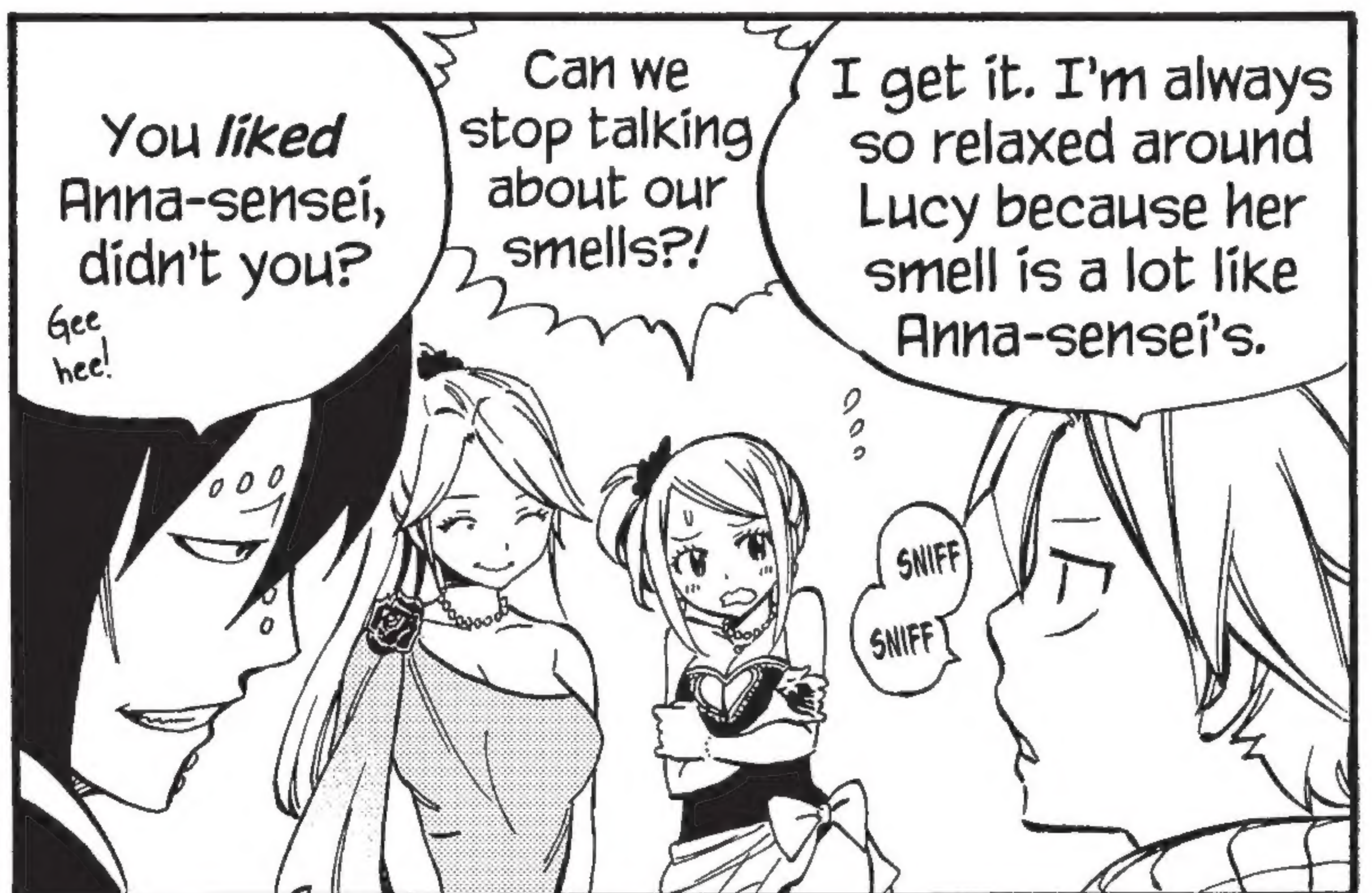


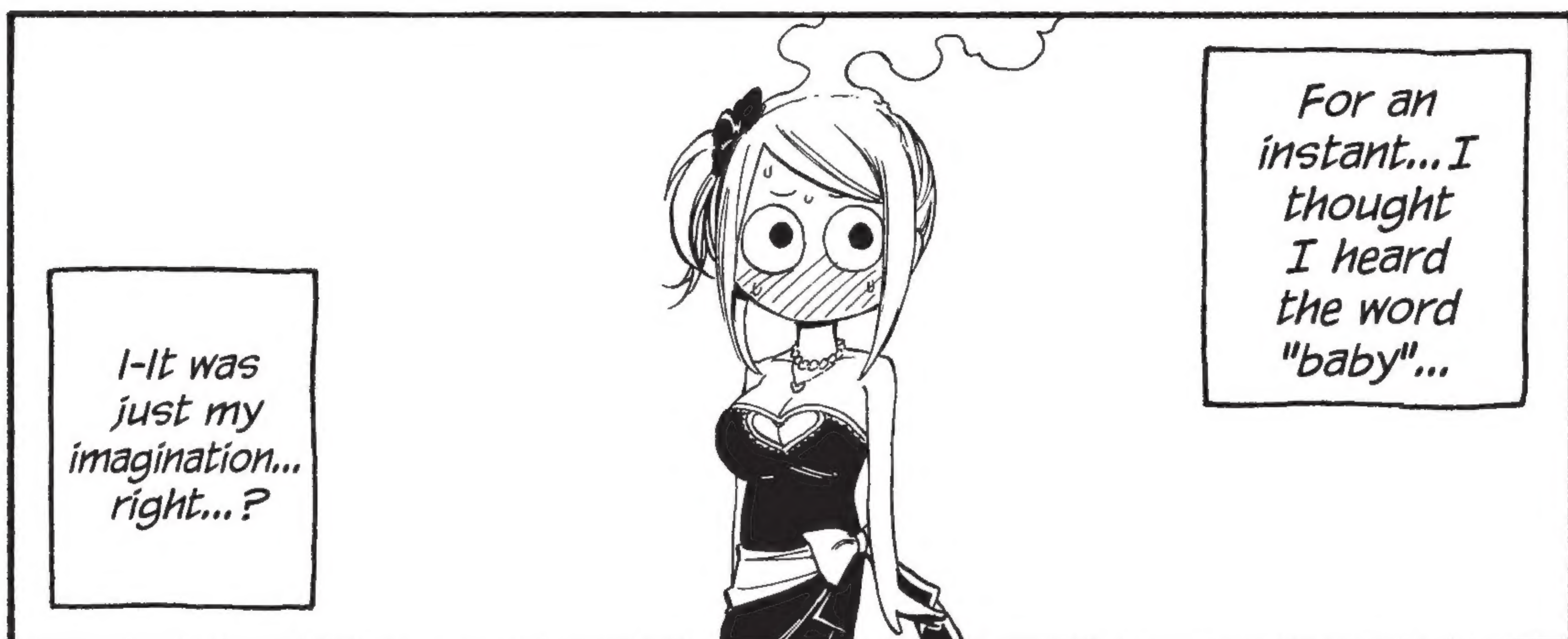
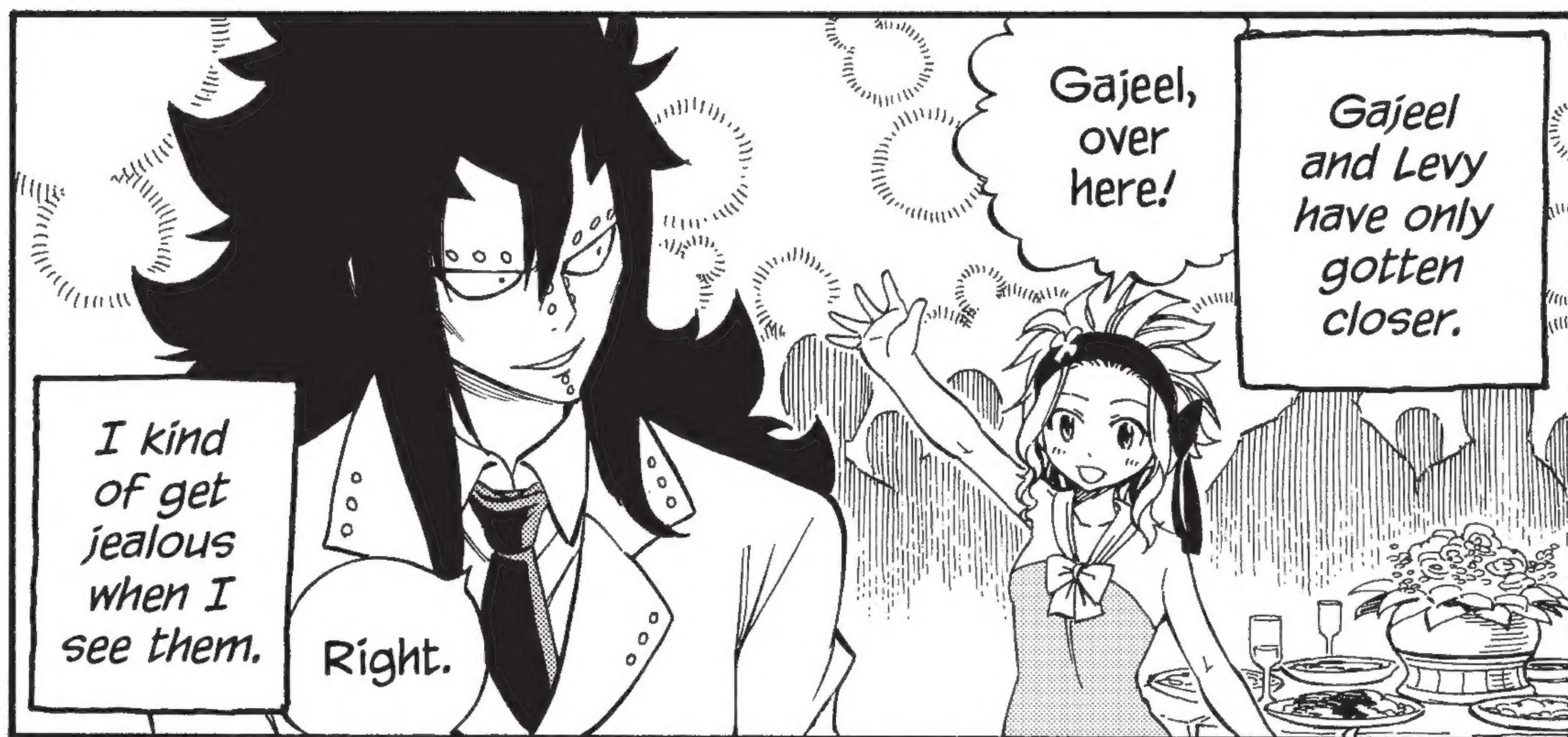






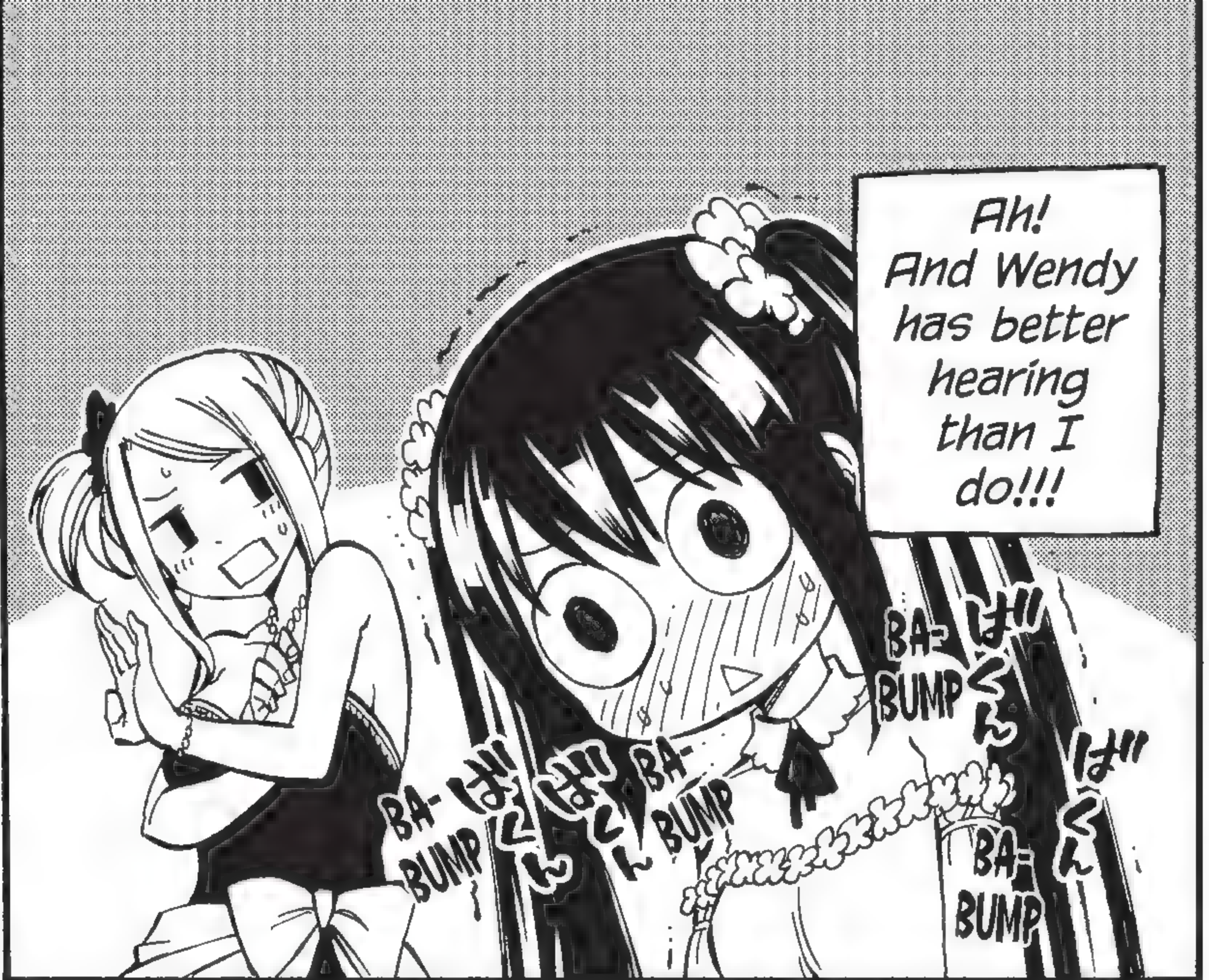
Kanji Practice: Bonds







She and Carla spend a lot of time with Lamia Scale these days.



Ah! And Wendy has better hearing than I do!!!



She mentioned that nobody ever knows what Toby is thinking.



They even forced Wendy to participate in their Day of Thanksgiving again.

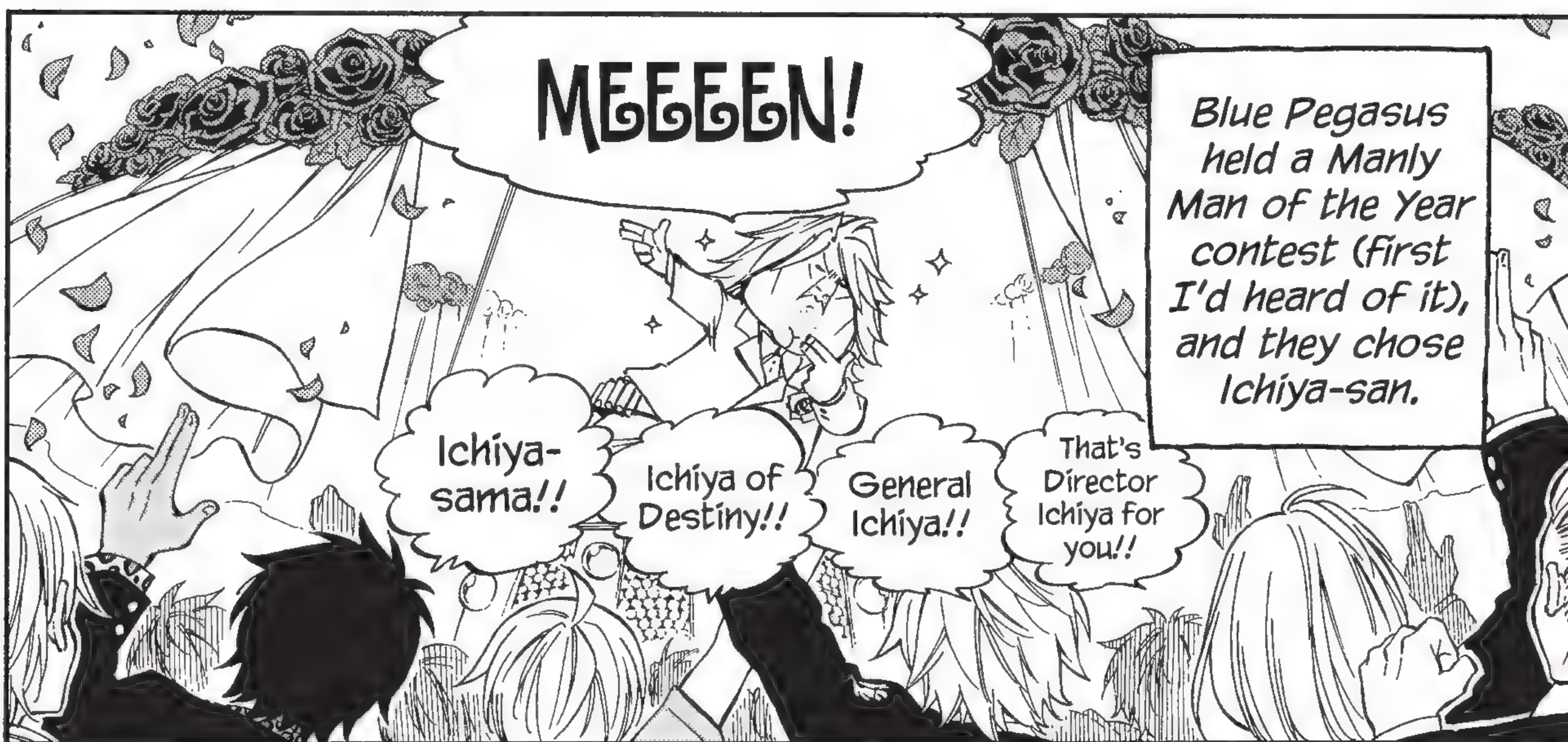


I like hearing about them from her. It's clear they're making her happy.

And that Sherria has relearned how to do a tiny bit of magic.



Banners: Tiger, Tiger, Tiger





Cana!

You never could hold your liquor!



BLUUSH

ハア〜

FLUTTER
FLUTTER

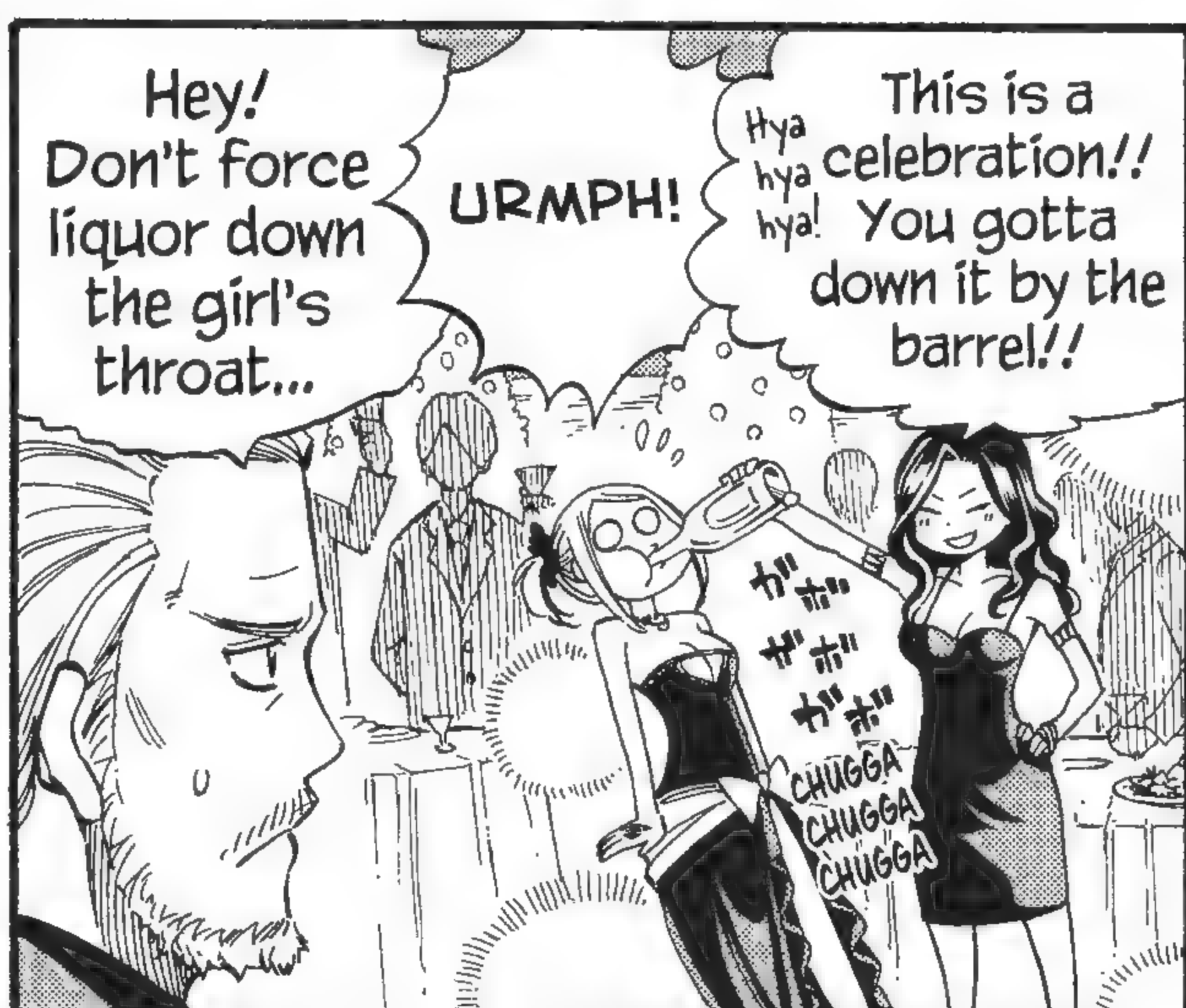


I'm so happy to report that everyone is in tip-top shape.



No!!
Quit it!!

Juvia feels the urge to strip more!!



Hey!
Don't force liquor down the girl's throat...

URMPH!

This is a celebration!!
You gotta down it by the barrel!!



You dirty old man!!

But drinking is one's duty.

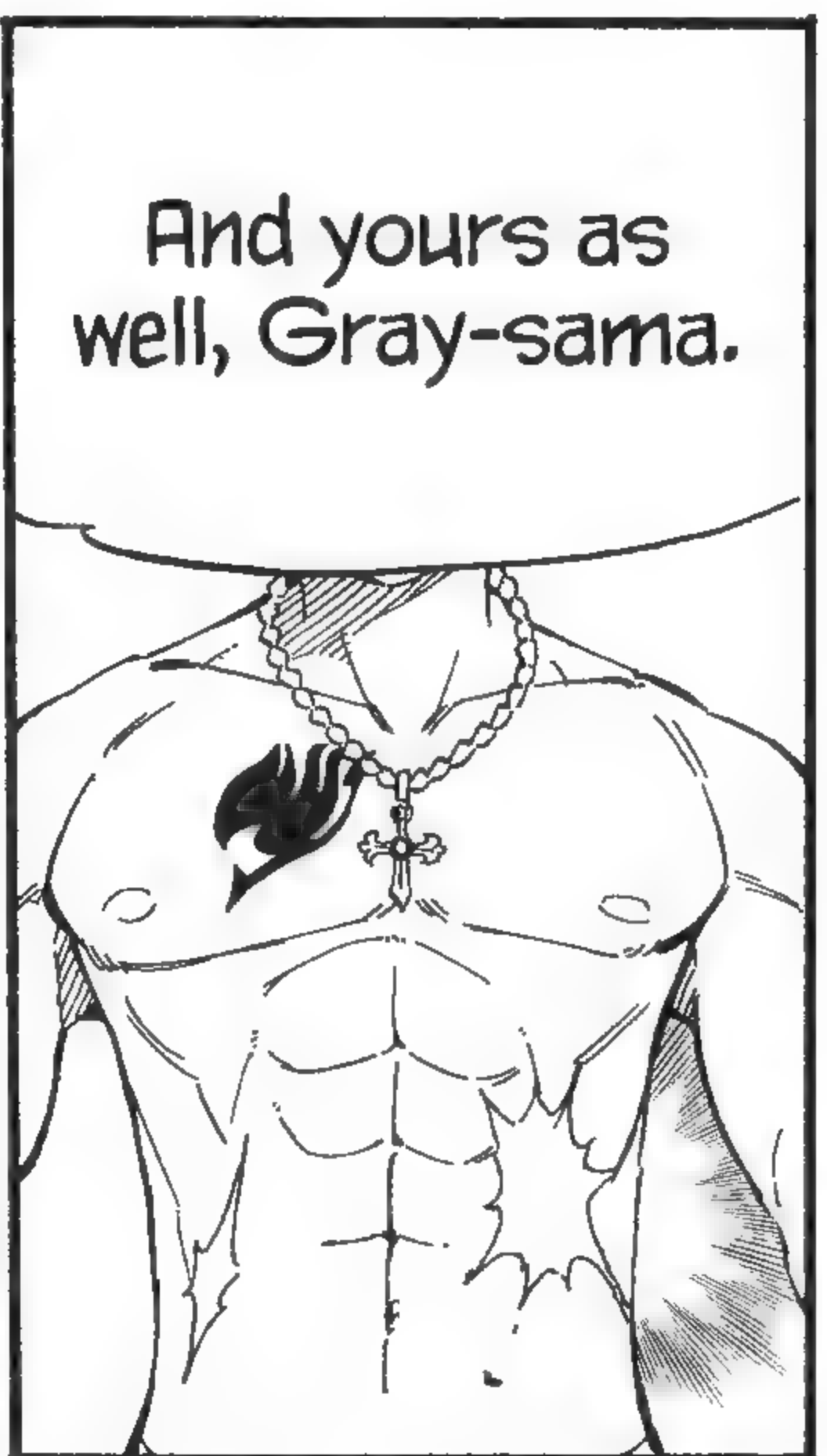
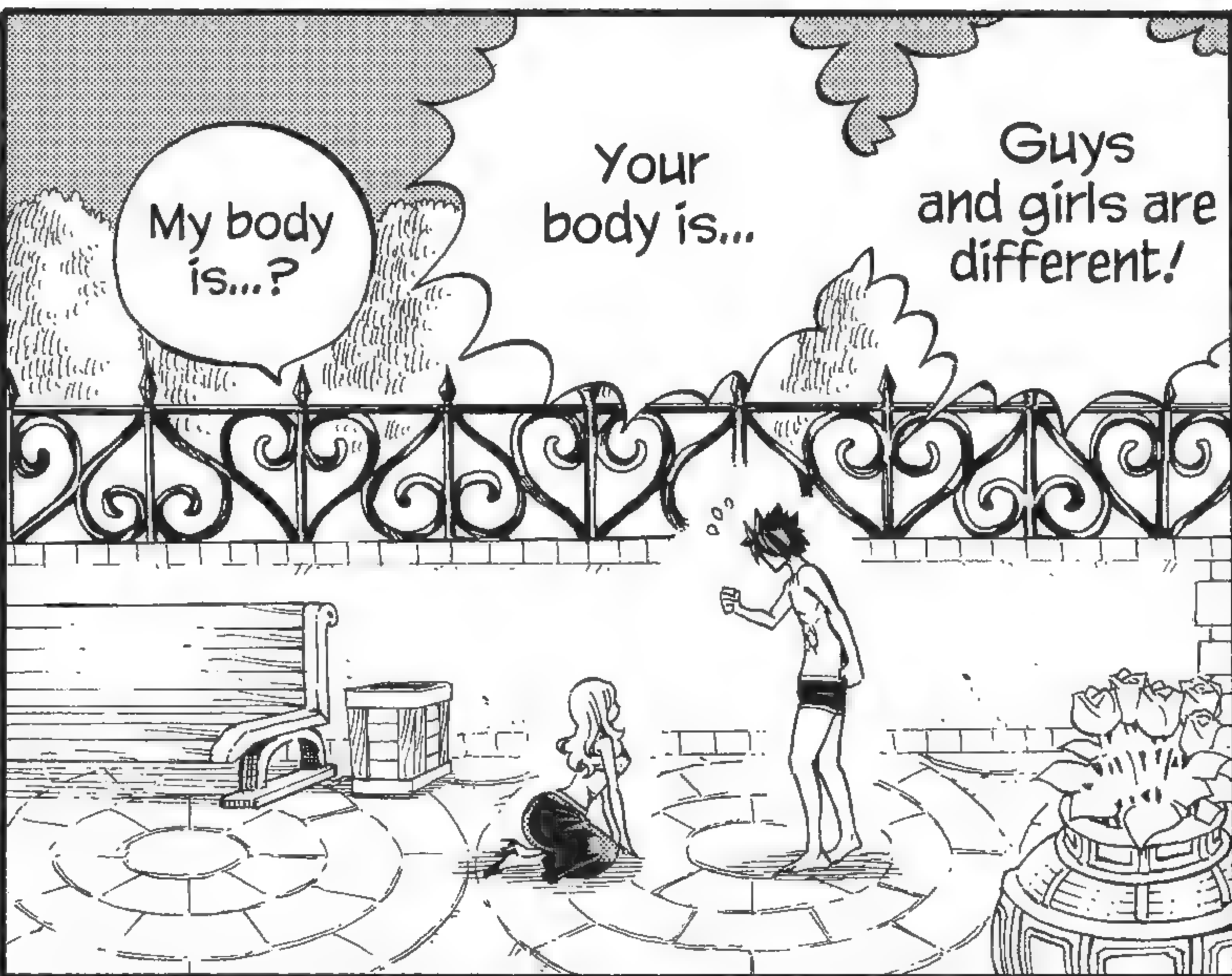
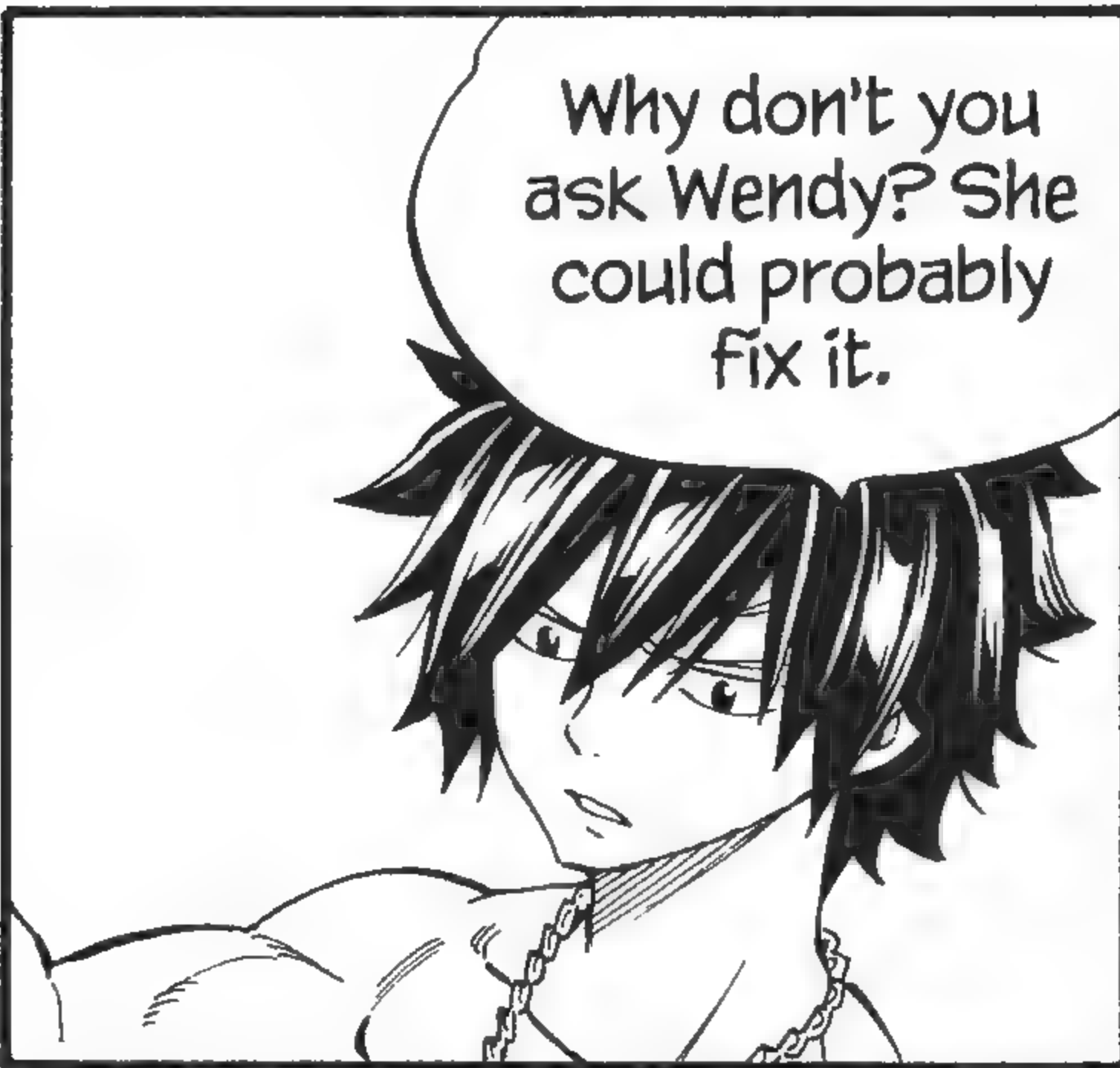
BAKAAM

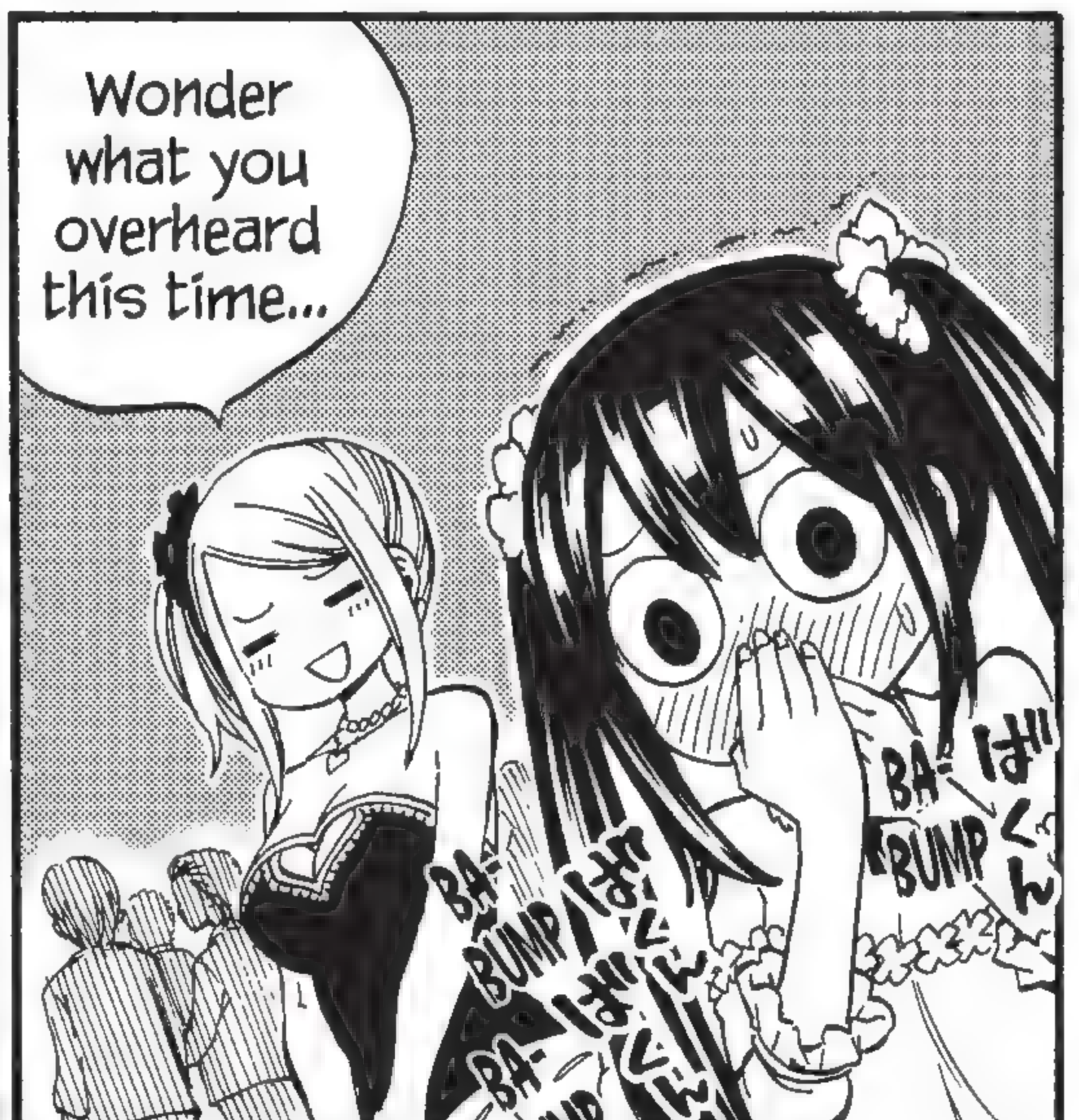
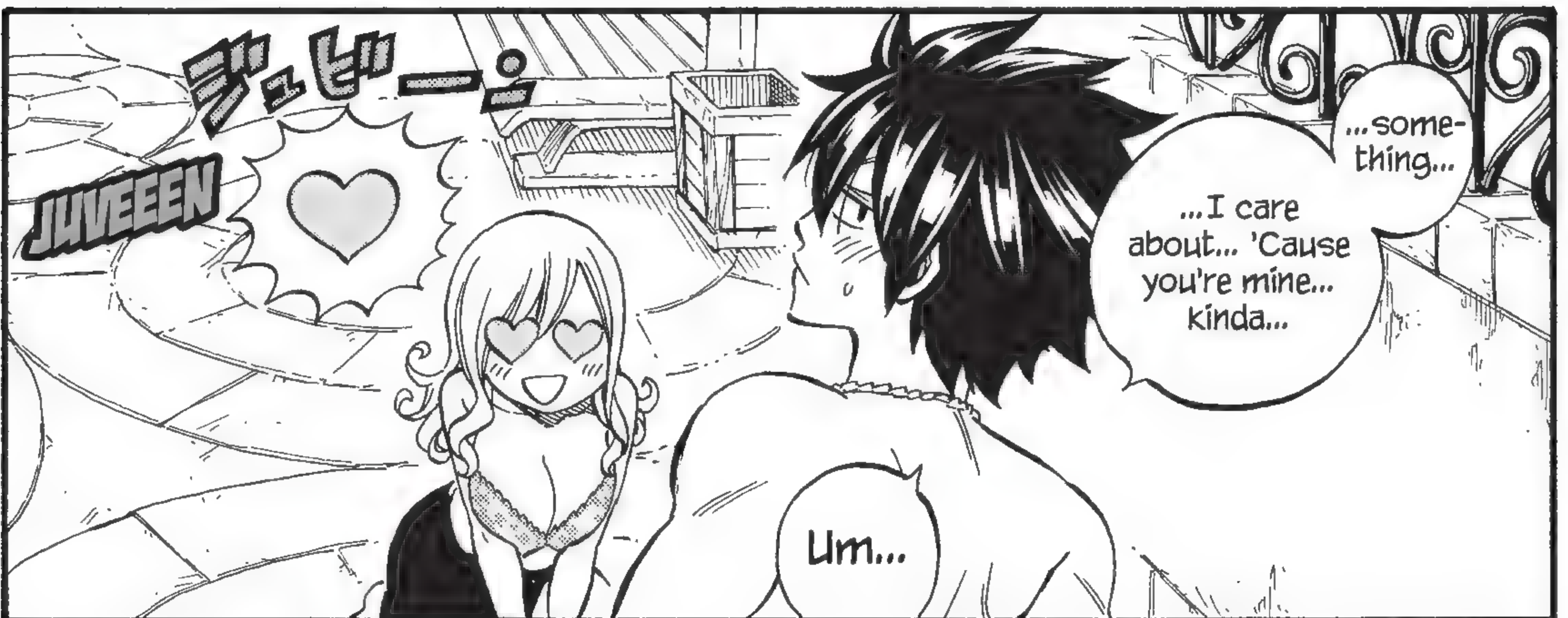
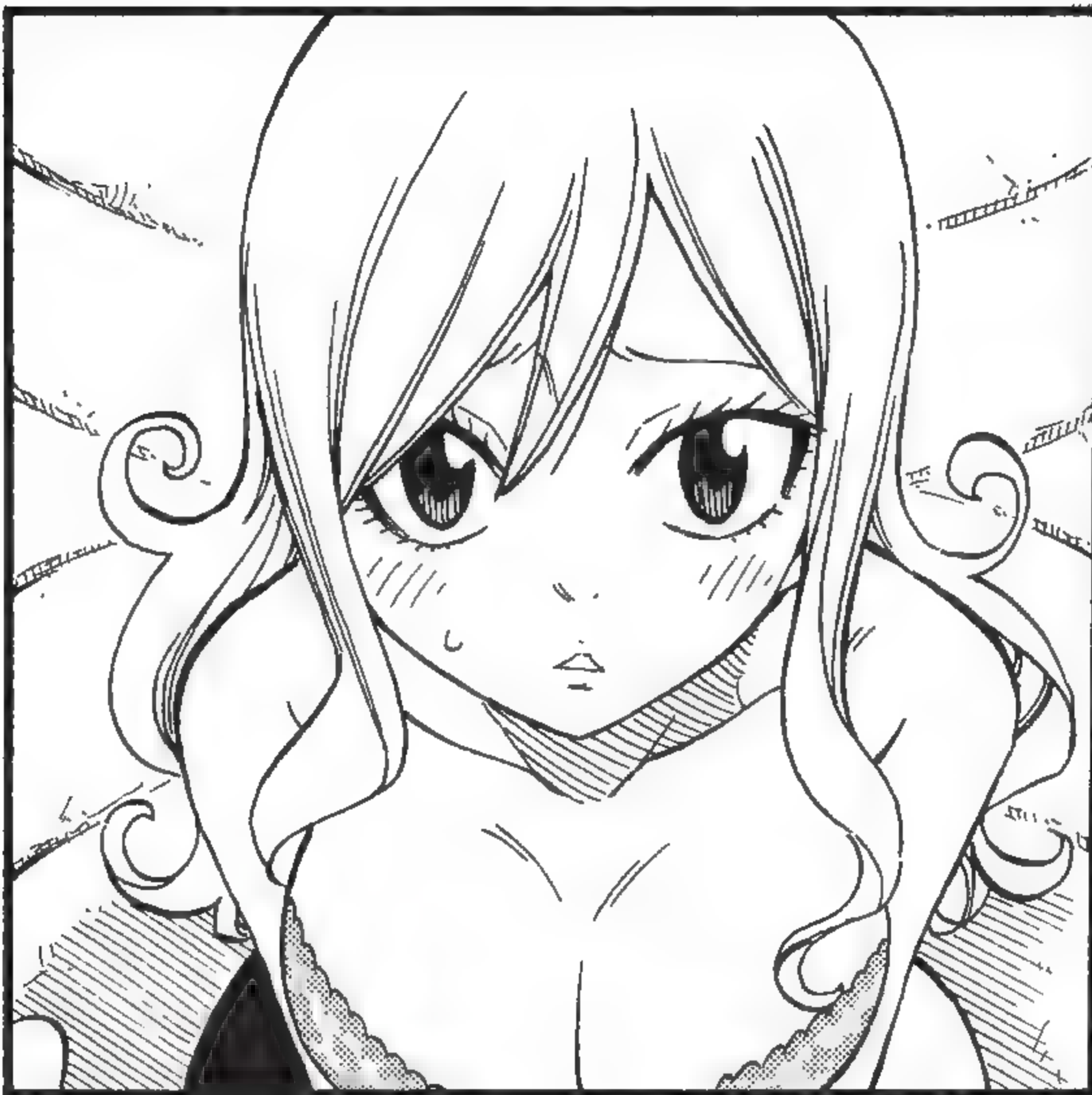


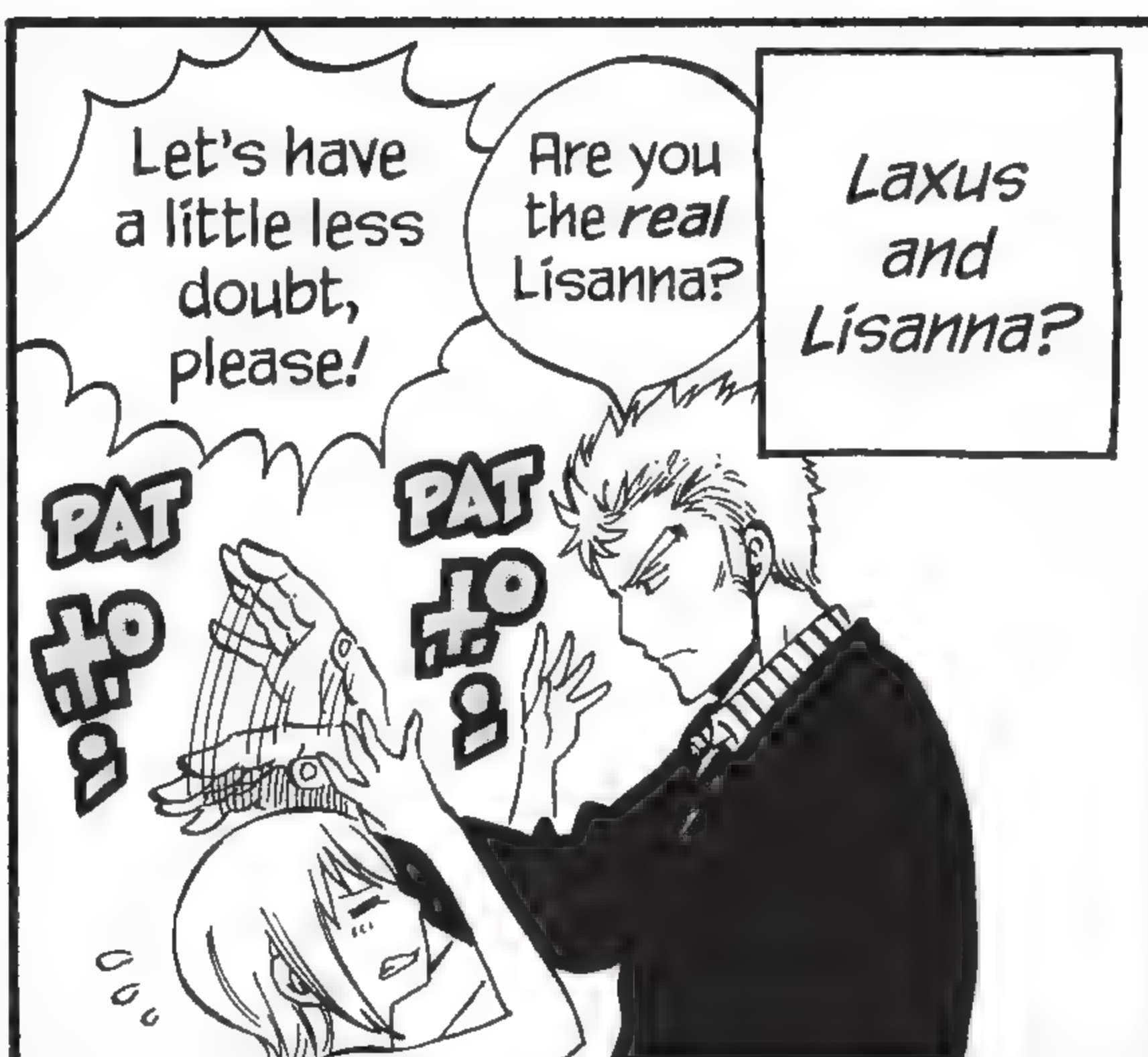
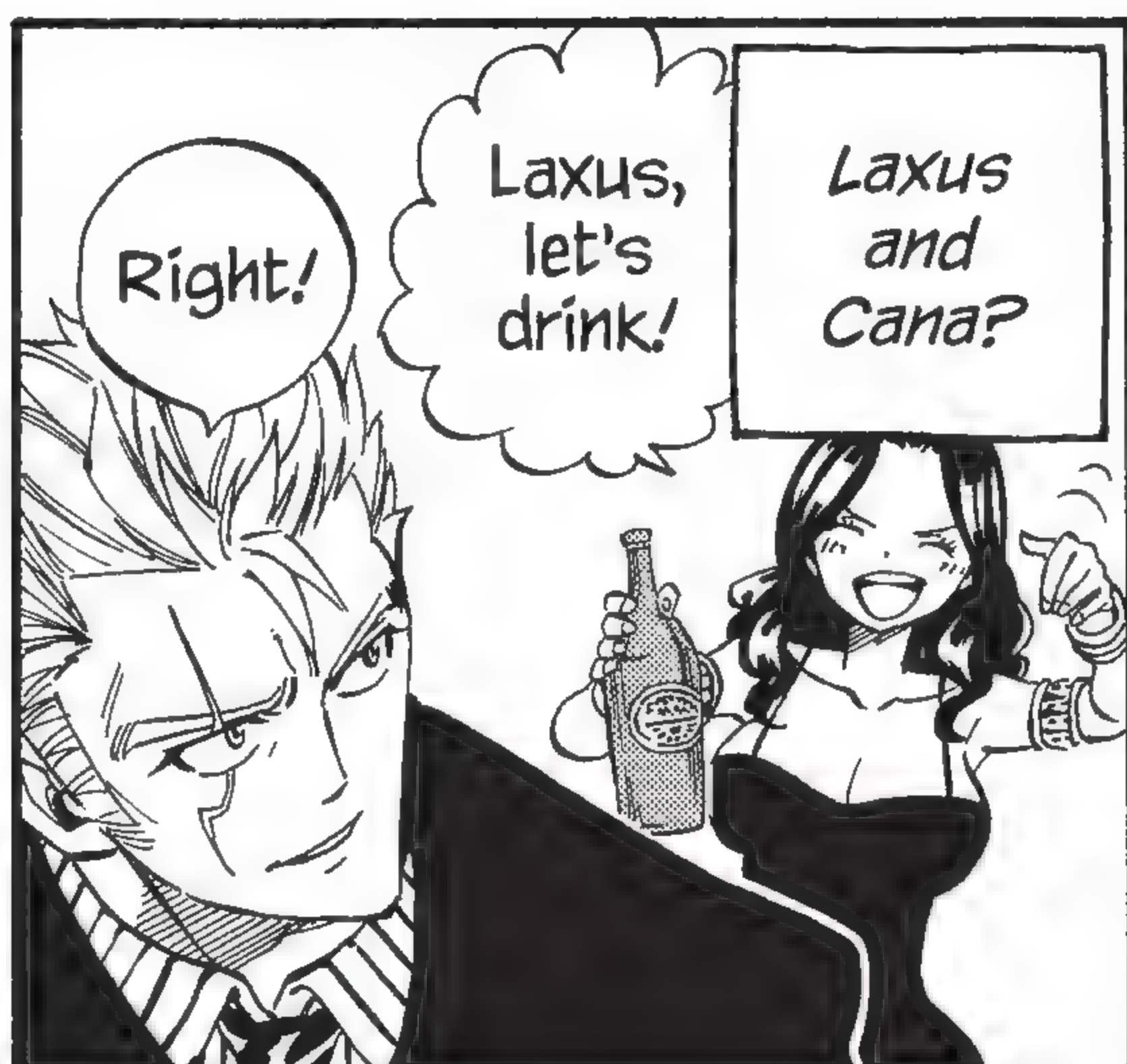
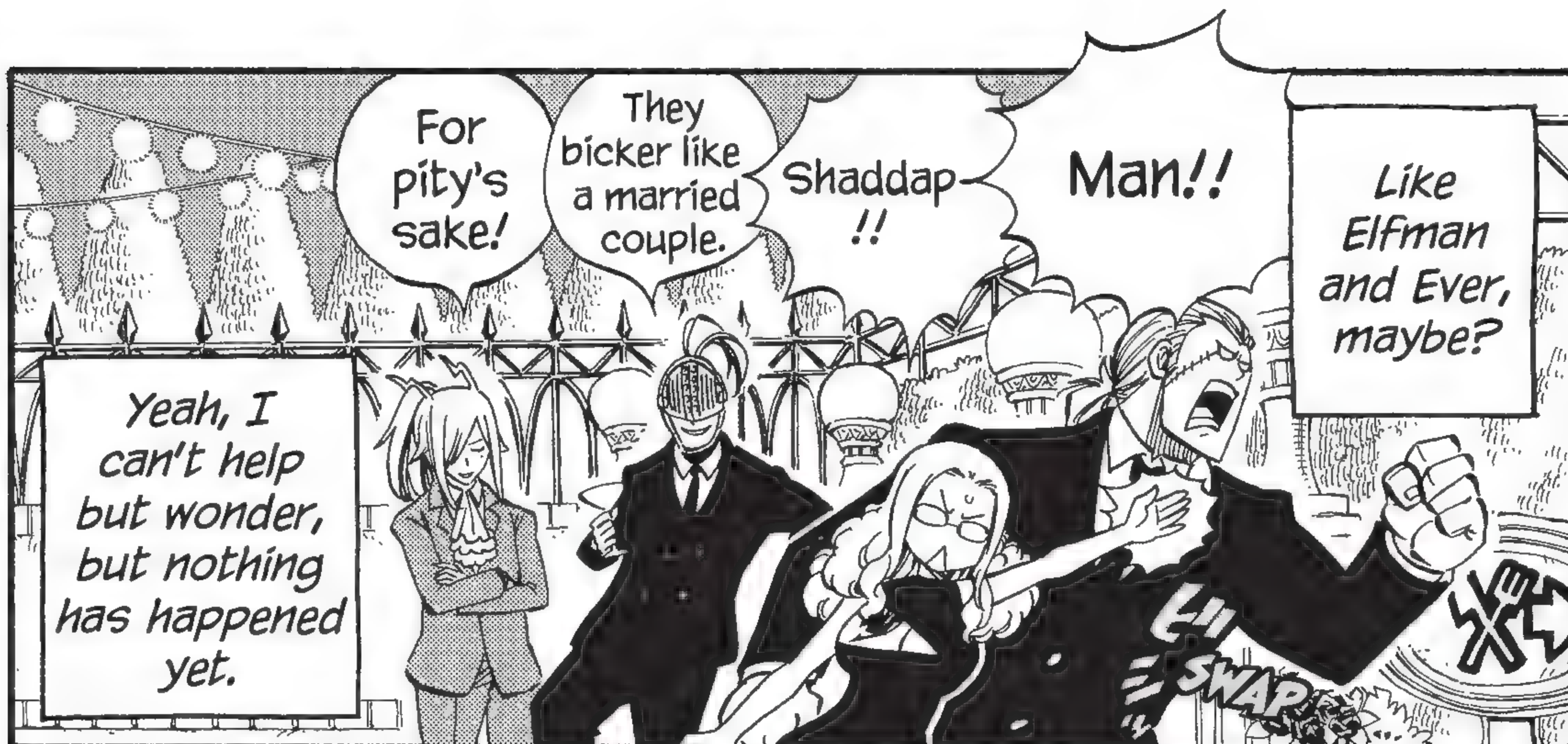
JIGGLE

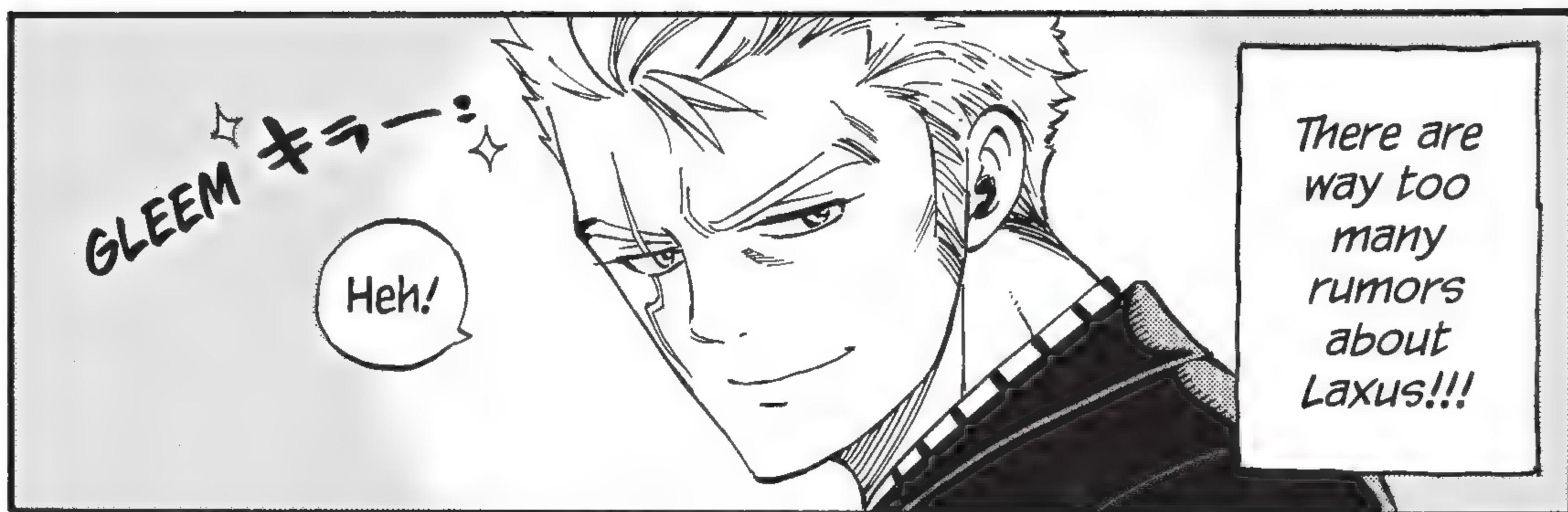


See what happens?!

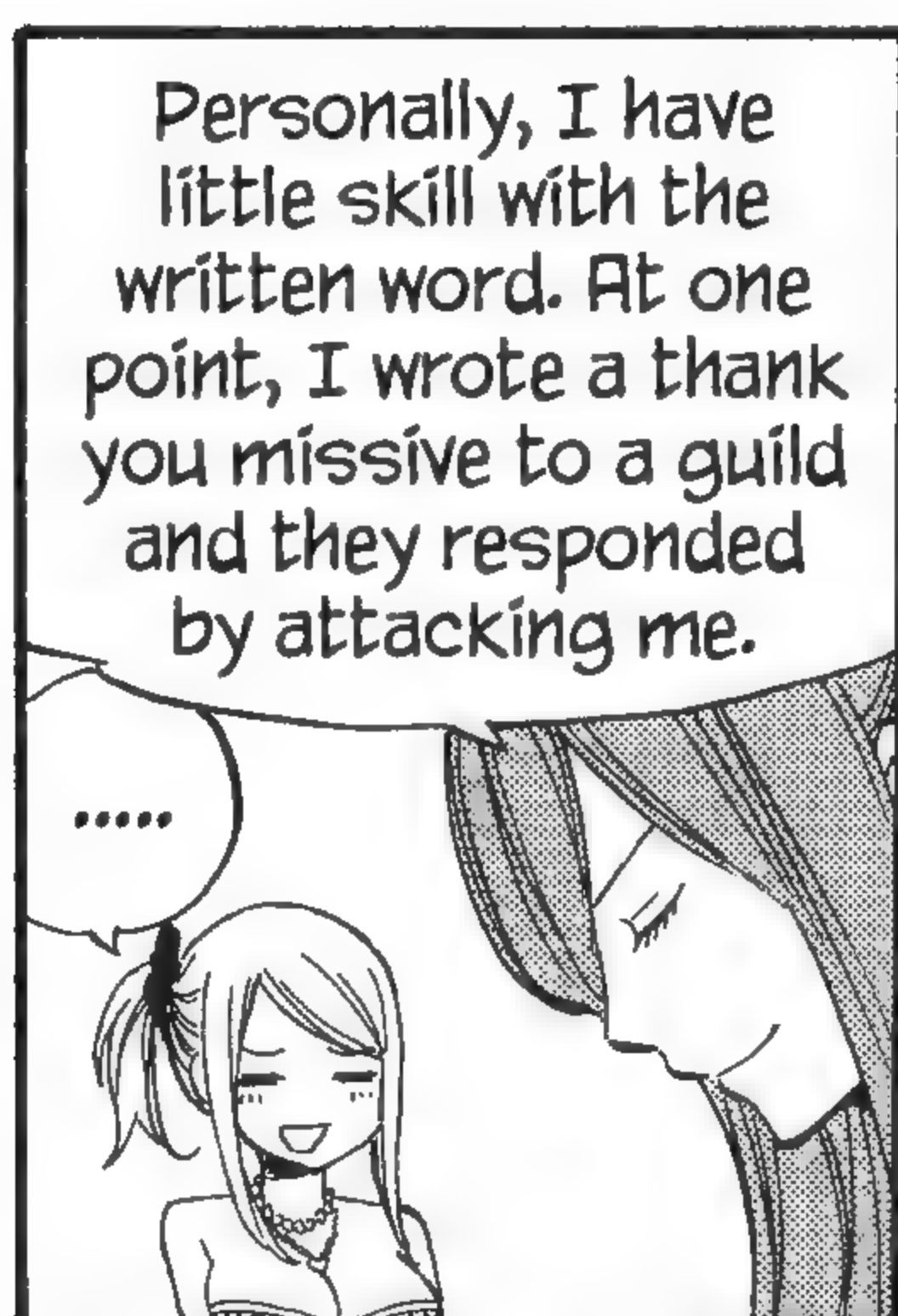








There are
way too
many
rumors
about
Lexus!!!

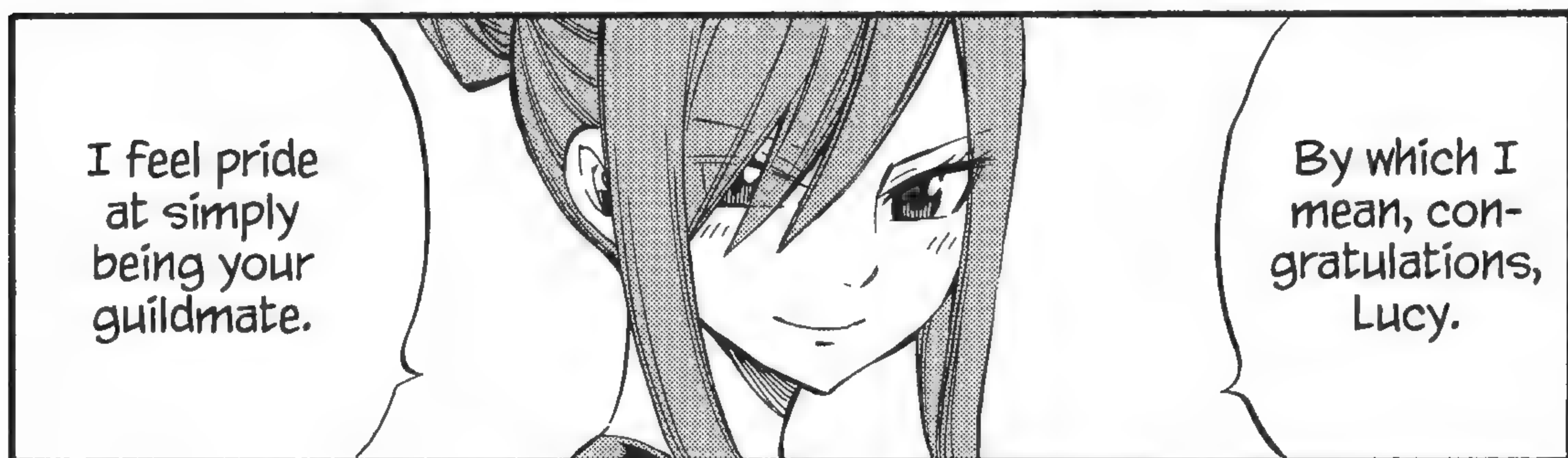


Personally, I have
little skill with the
written word. At one
point, I wrote a thank
you missive to a guild
and they responded
by attacking me.

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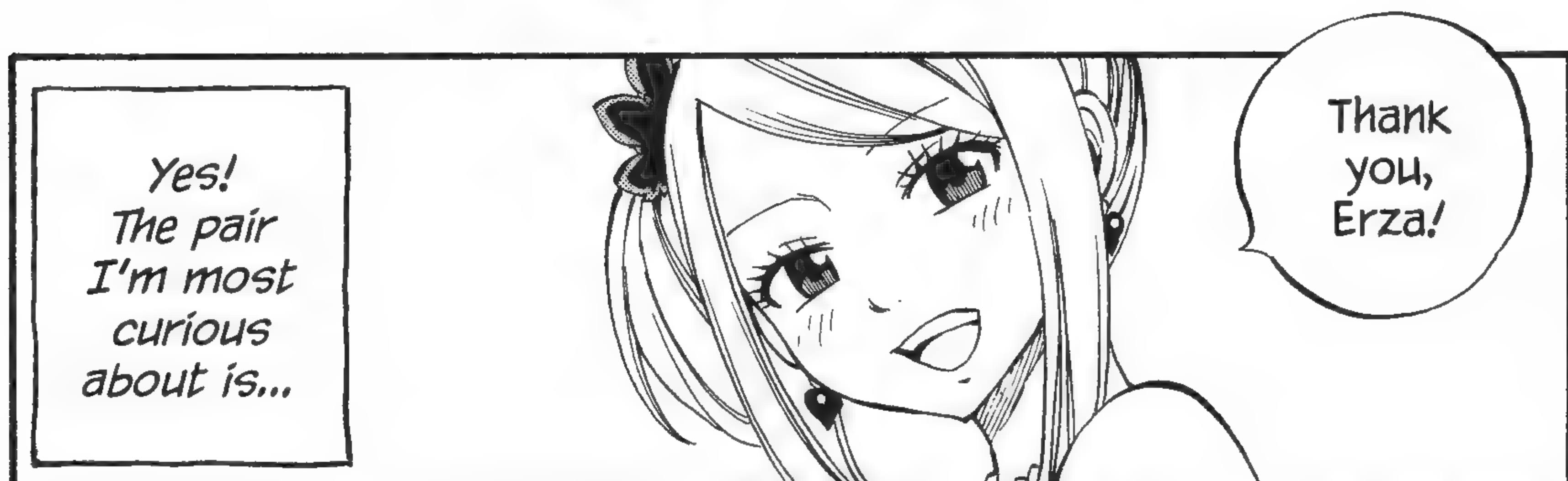


I must
say that I am
impressed! I
never dreamed
you'd win an
award!



I feel pride
at simply
being your
guildmate.

By which I
mean, con-
gratulations,
Lucy.



Yes!
The pair
I'm most
curious
about is...

Thank
you,
Erza!



Jellal...



Jellal Fernandez?



Over for you...

...and for me too!

It's all over!

...one whose paths always seem to diverge...

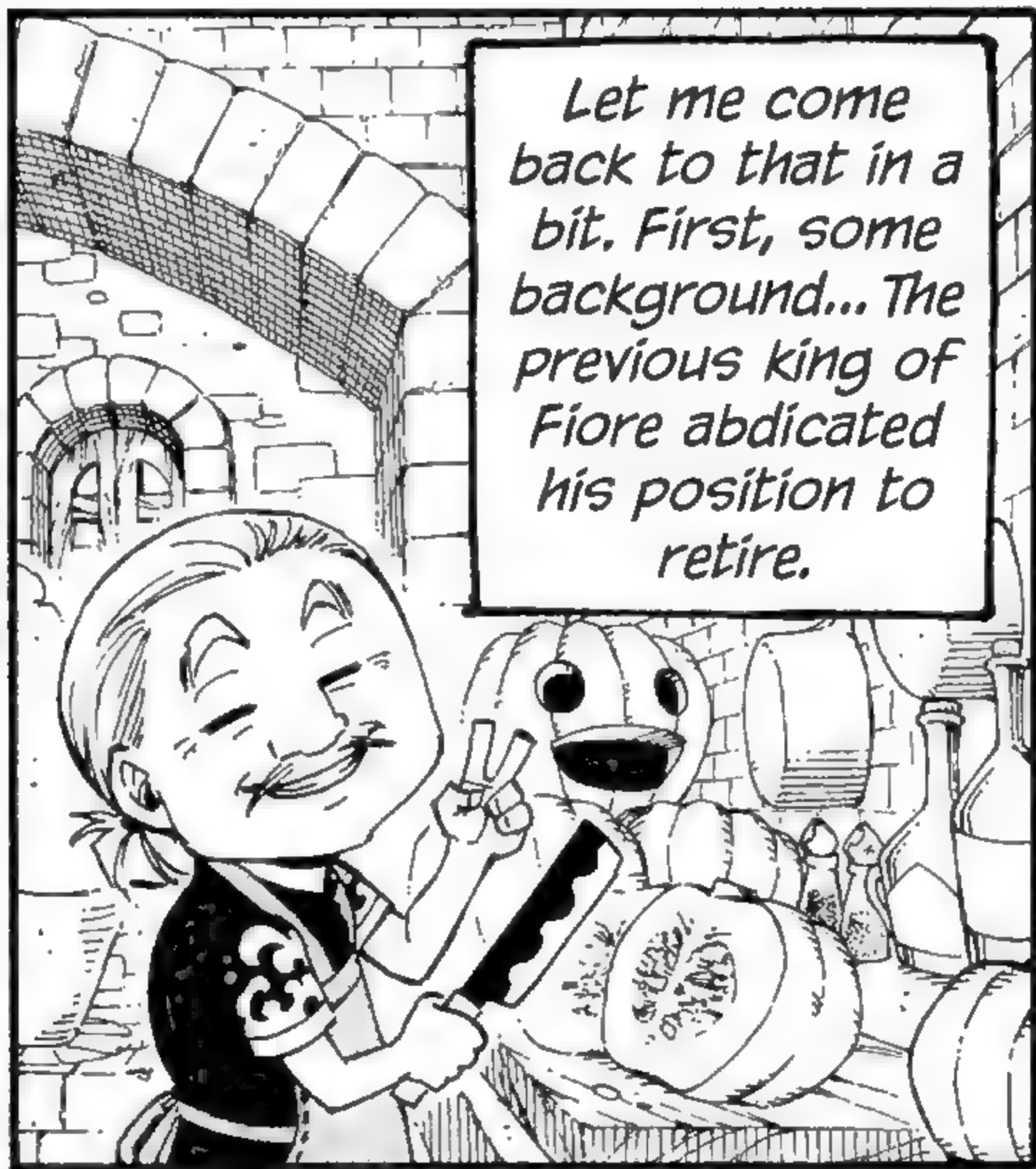


Jell... al...

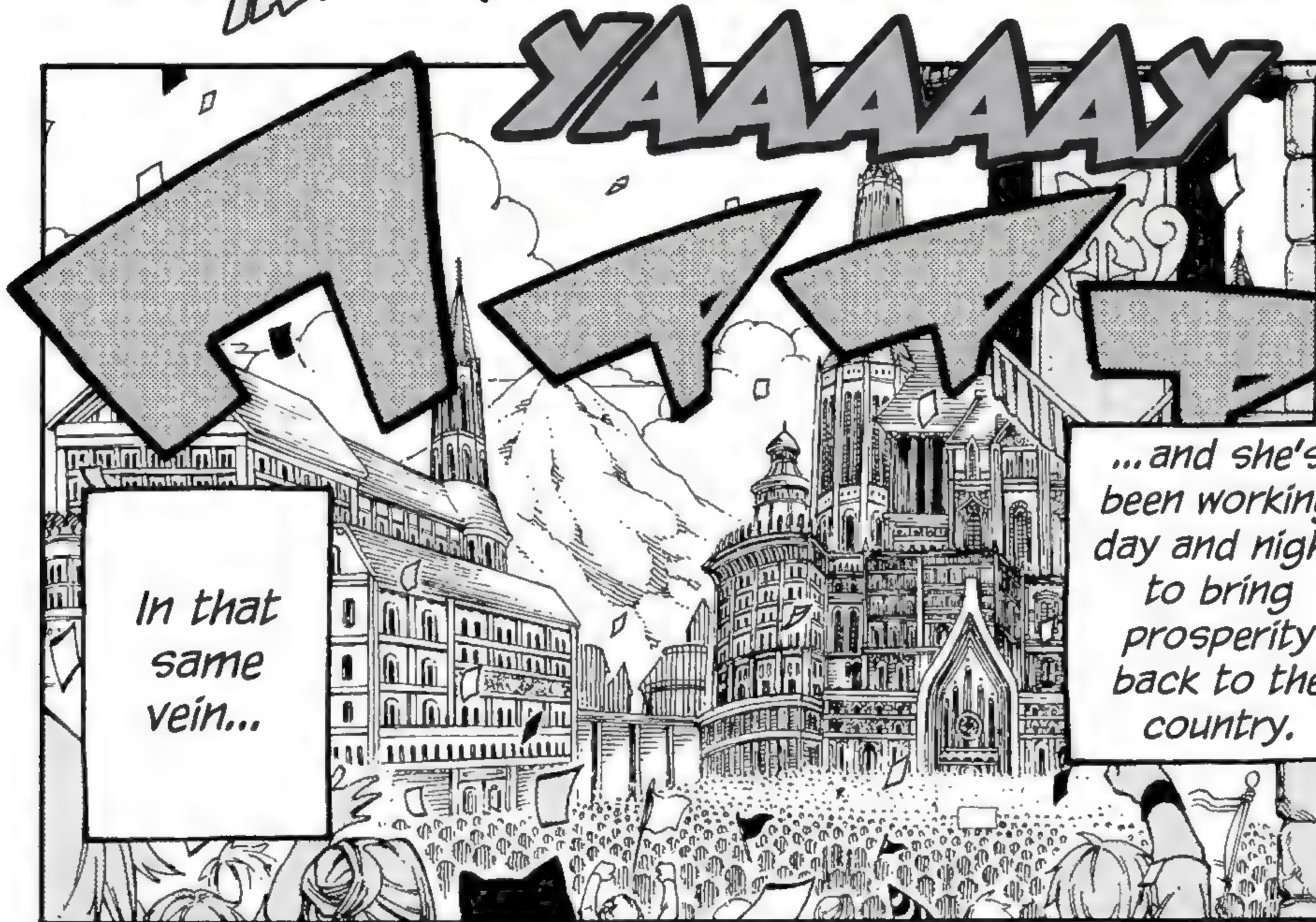
Erza and Jellal.



And Princess Hisui assumed the throne.



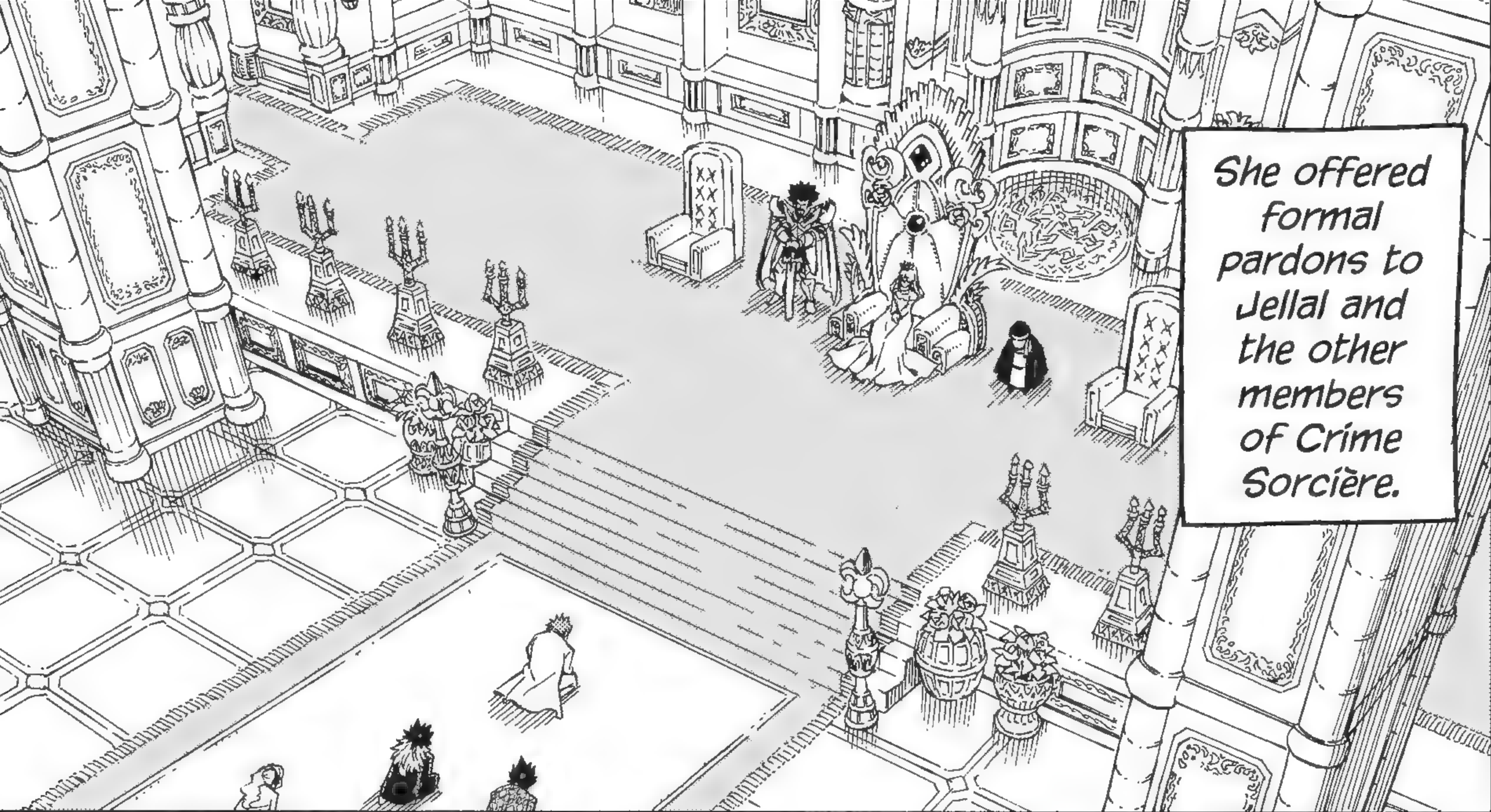
Let me come back to that in a bit. First, some background... The previous king of Fiore abdicated his position to retire.



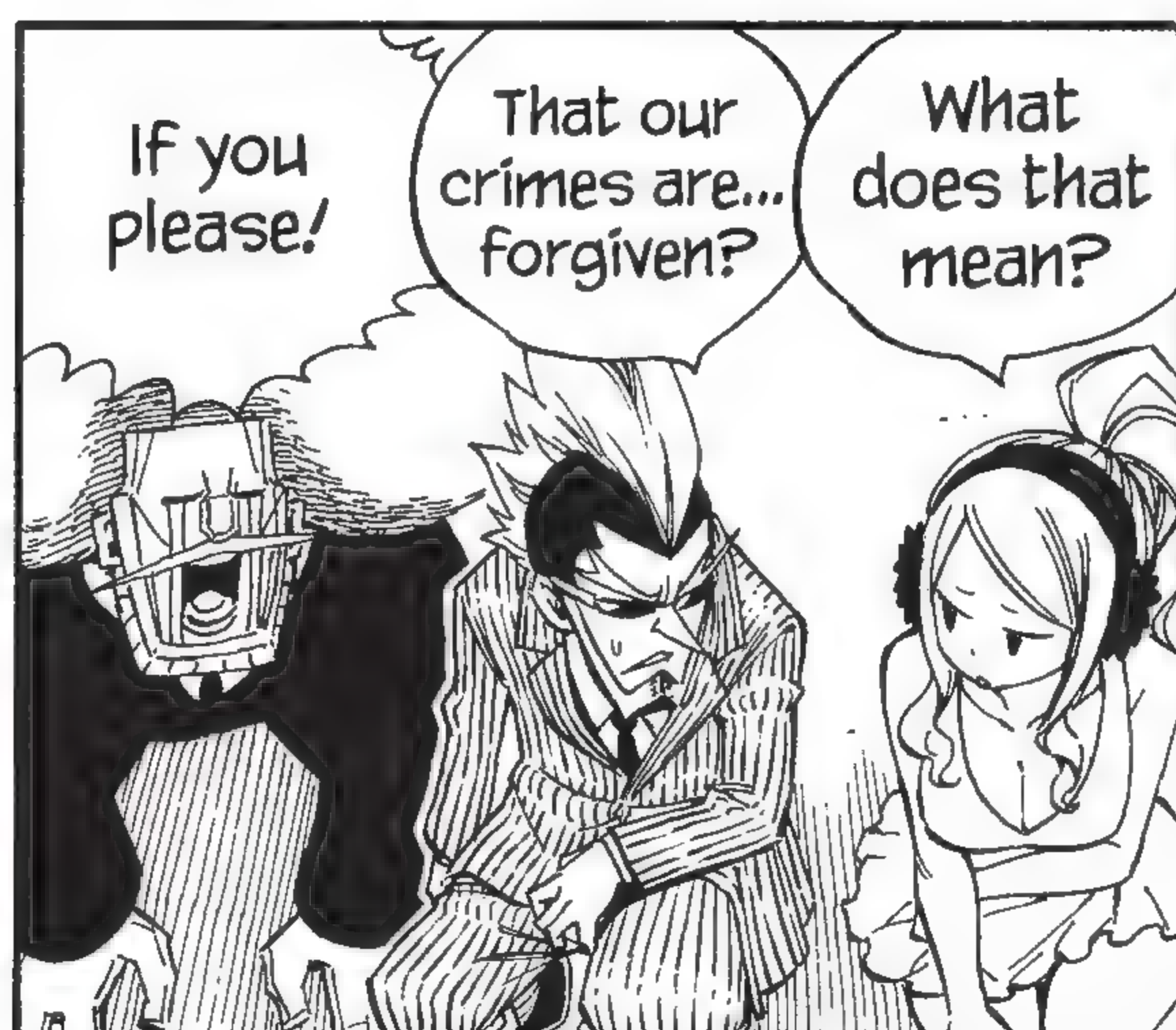
In that same vein...

She began her rule by restoring diplomatic relations with the Alvarez Empire...

...and she's been working day and night to bring prosperity back to the country.



She offered formal pardons to Jellal and the other members of Crime Sorcière.



If you please!

That our crimes are... forgiven?

What does that mean?



Not possible!

You mean... a pardon?

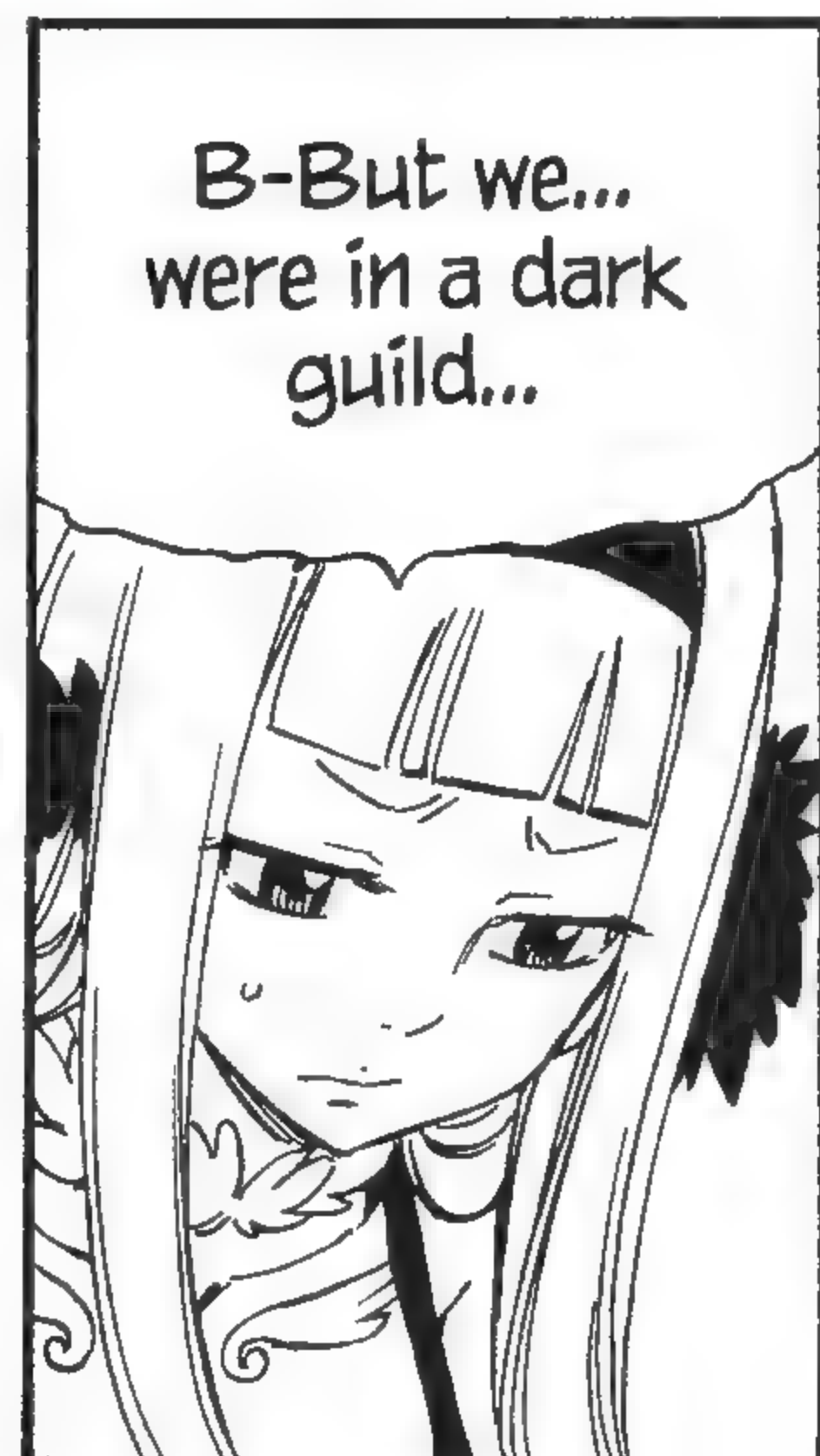


But we are also aware that you are atoning for your crimes.

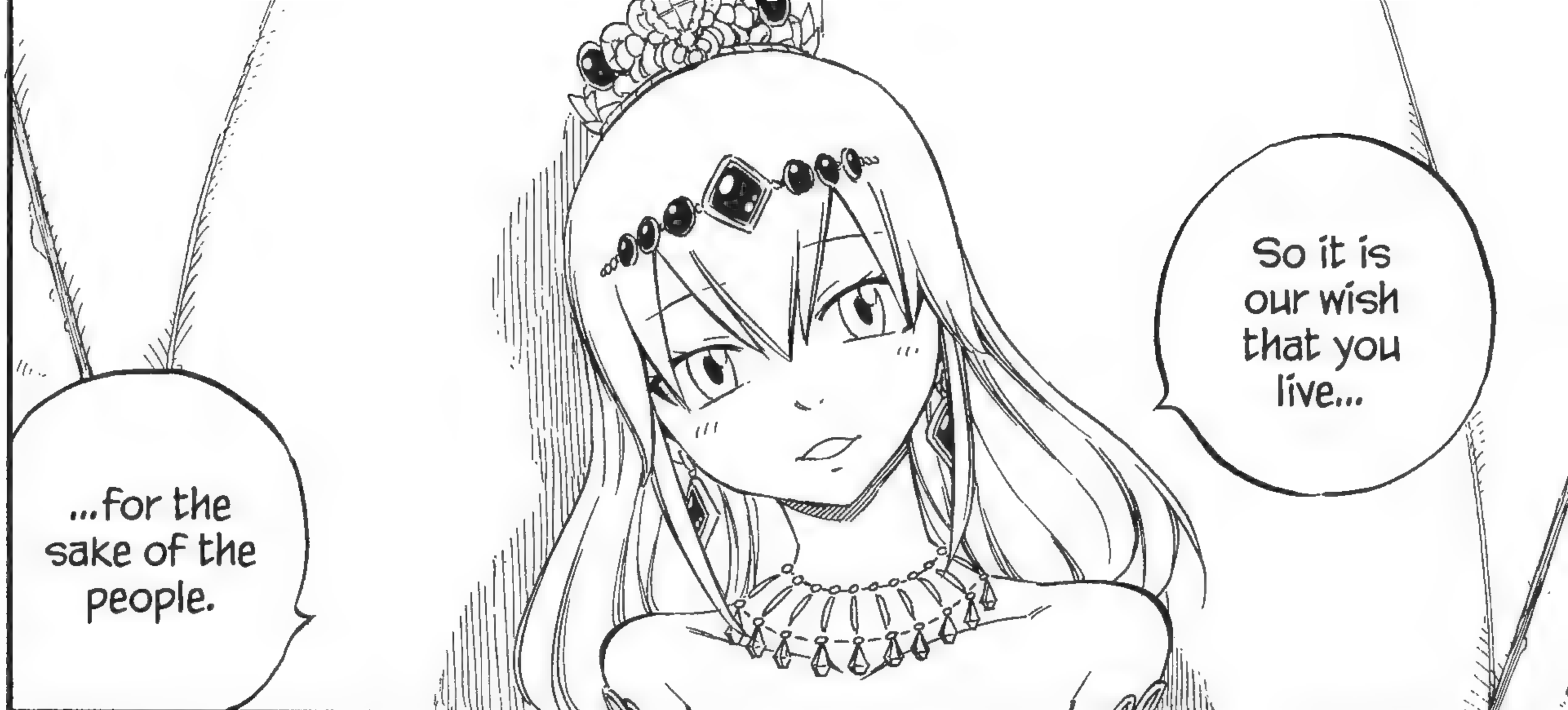
And that your hearts are set on making a better tomorrow.

We have heard about your circumstances...

...and the details of your pasts.

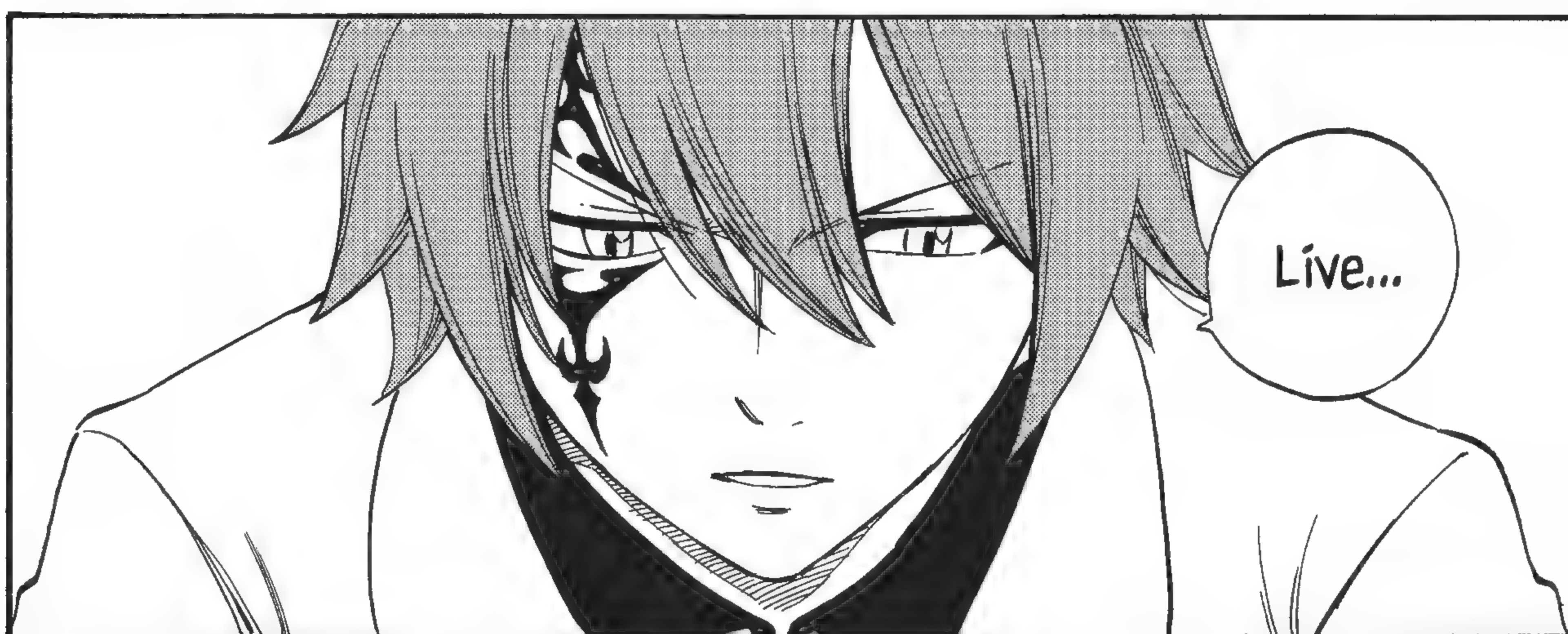


B-But we... were in a dark guild...



...for the
sake of the
people.

So it is
our wish
that you
live...



Live...



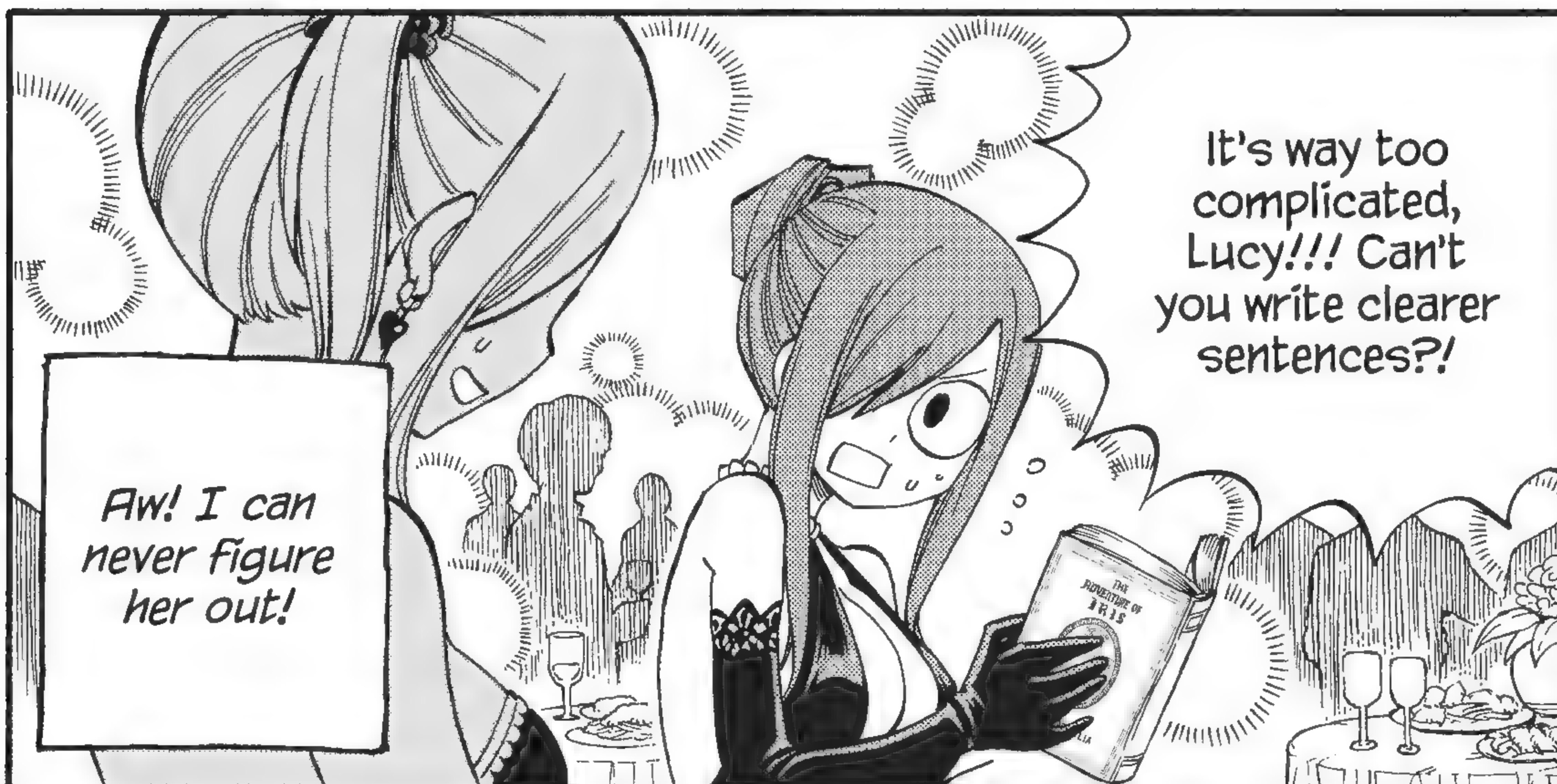
It is
complicated.



I'm sure
the news
made Erza
happy,
but...

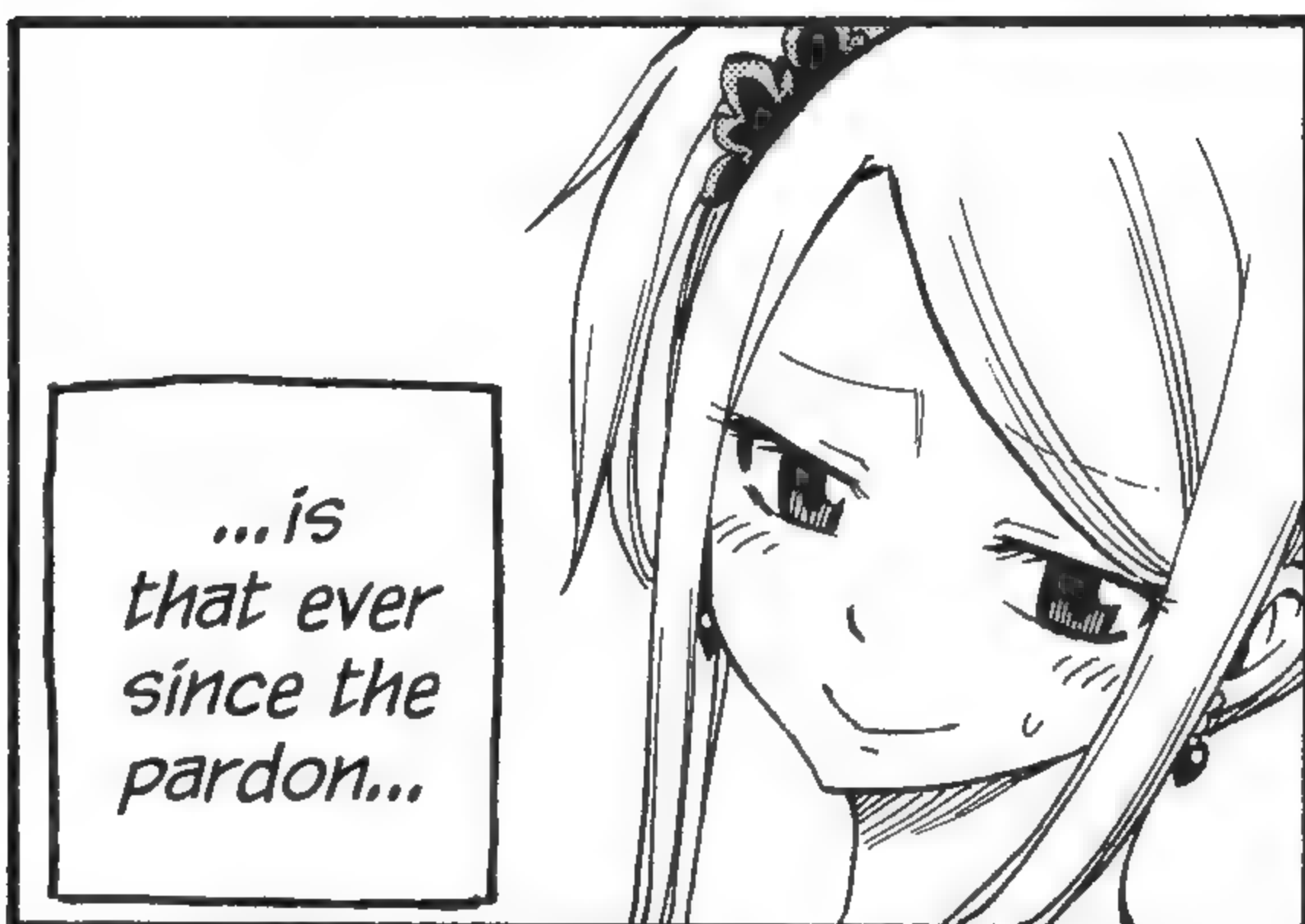


And that's
how Jellal
and the
others were
finally set
free.

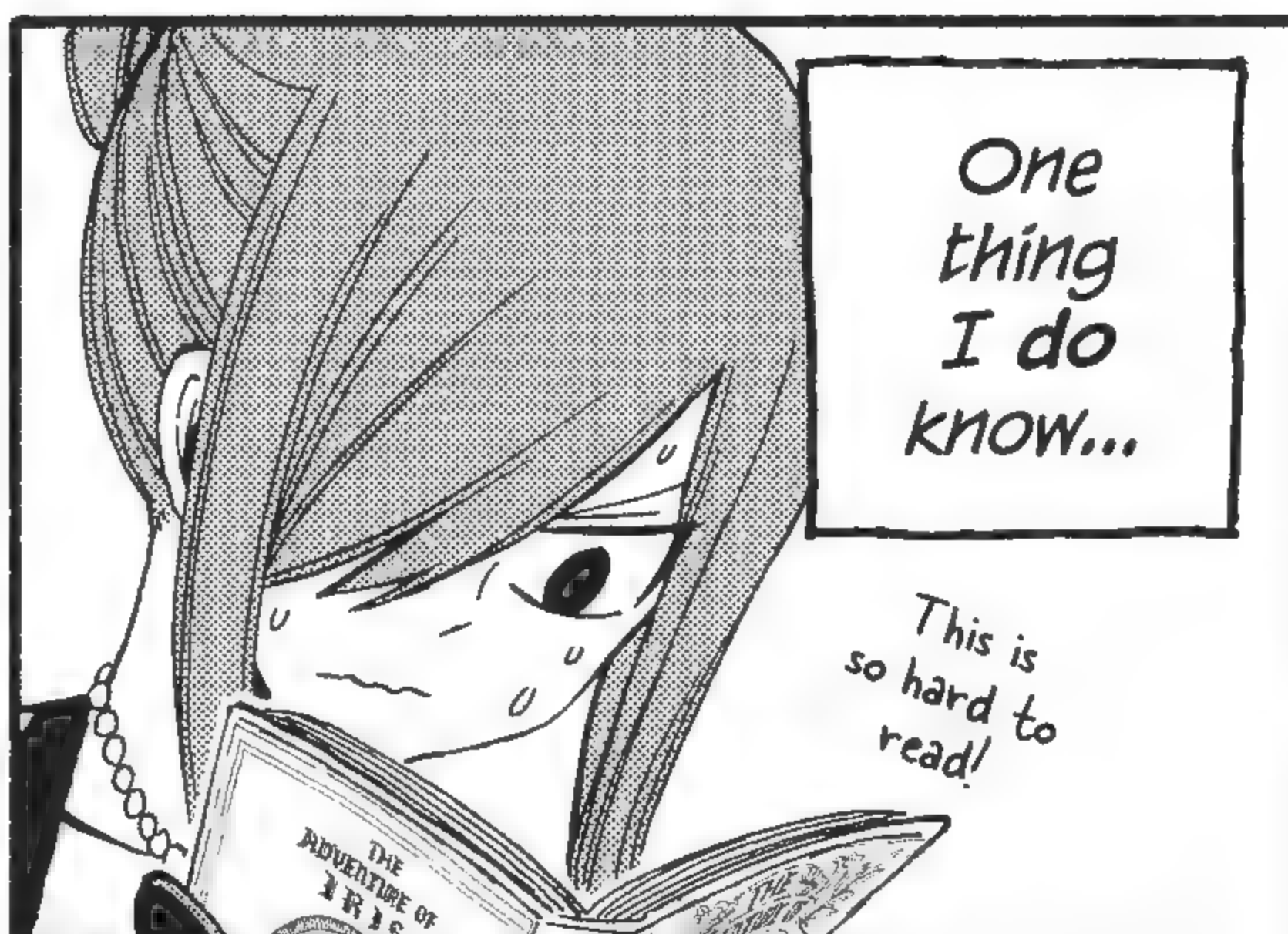


Aw! I can never figure her out!

It's way too complicated, Lucy!!! Can't you write clearer sentences?!



...is that ever since the pardon...



One thing I do know...

This is so hard to read!



...she's been combing her hair every day, when she hardly showed any interest in it before.



Listen, one and all! It was I who raised Lucy!

Wonderful! Congratulations!

Everything she knows, I taught her!!

RATTLE

RATTLE

RATTLE

RATTLE



His legs haven't been the same after what happened that day.



Quit getting carried away!!

Now, now...

OW!!

THWAK



Every now and then, he talks about that odd vision he had.

I wonder...

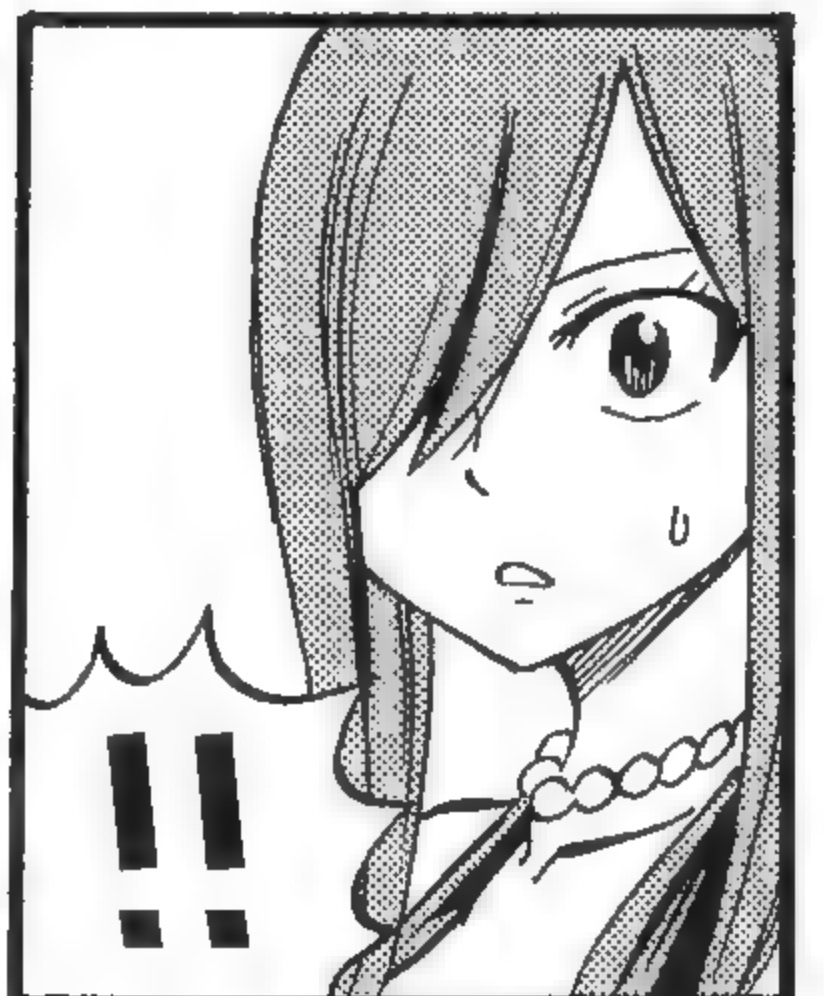
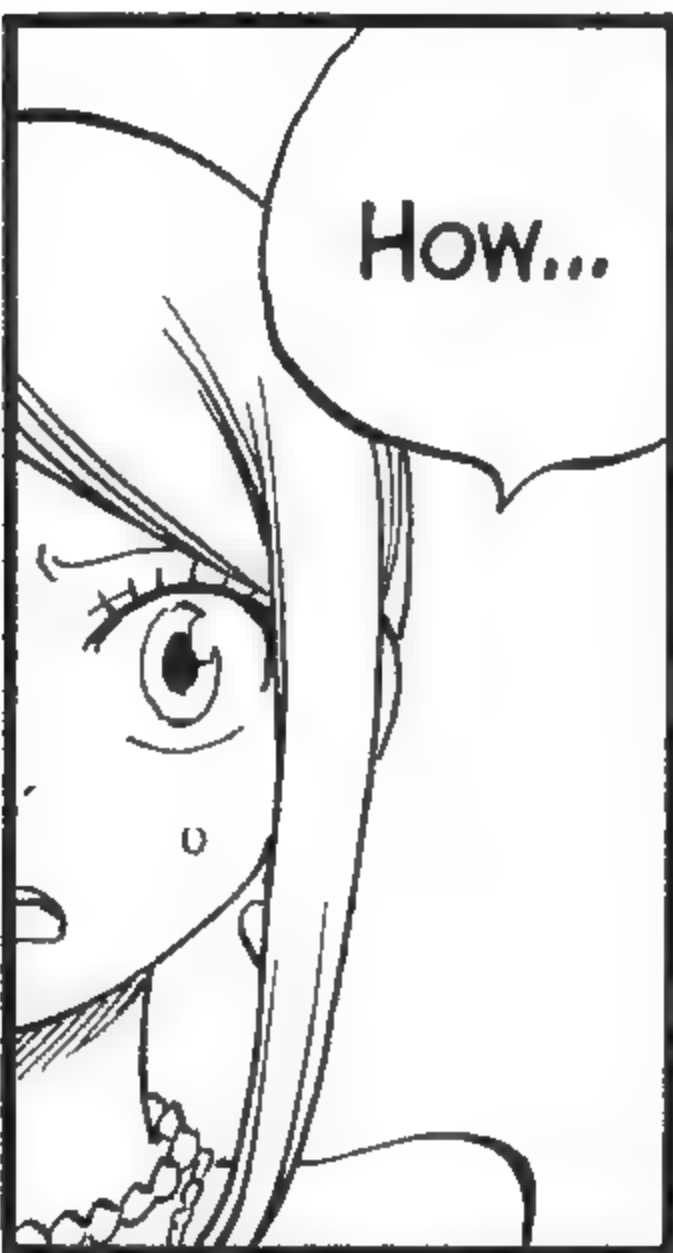
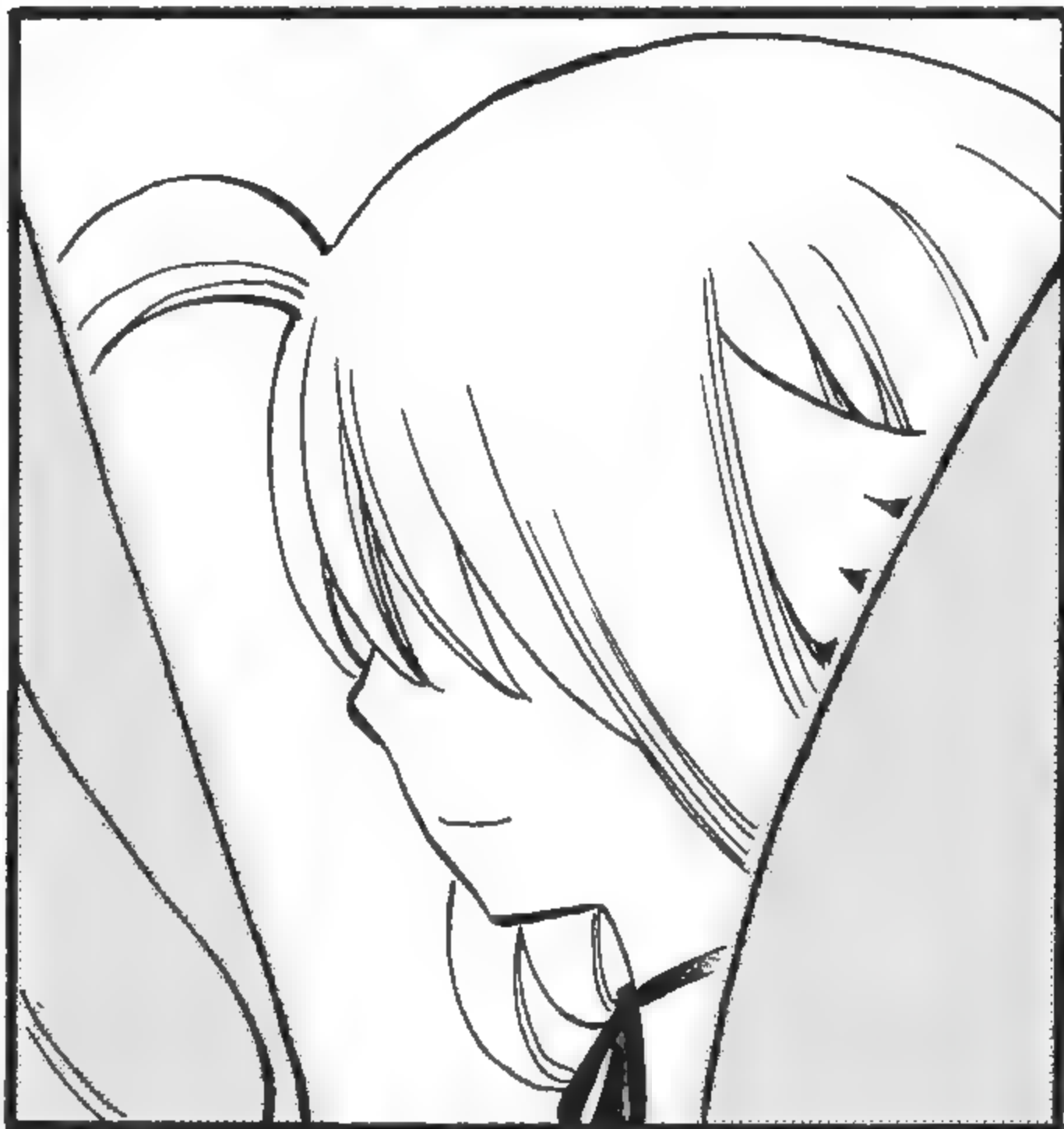
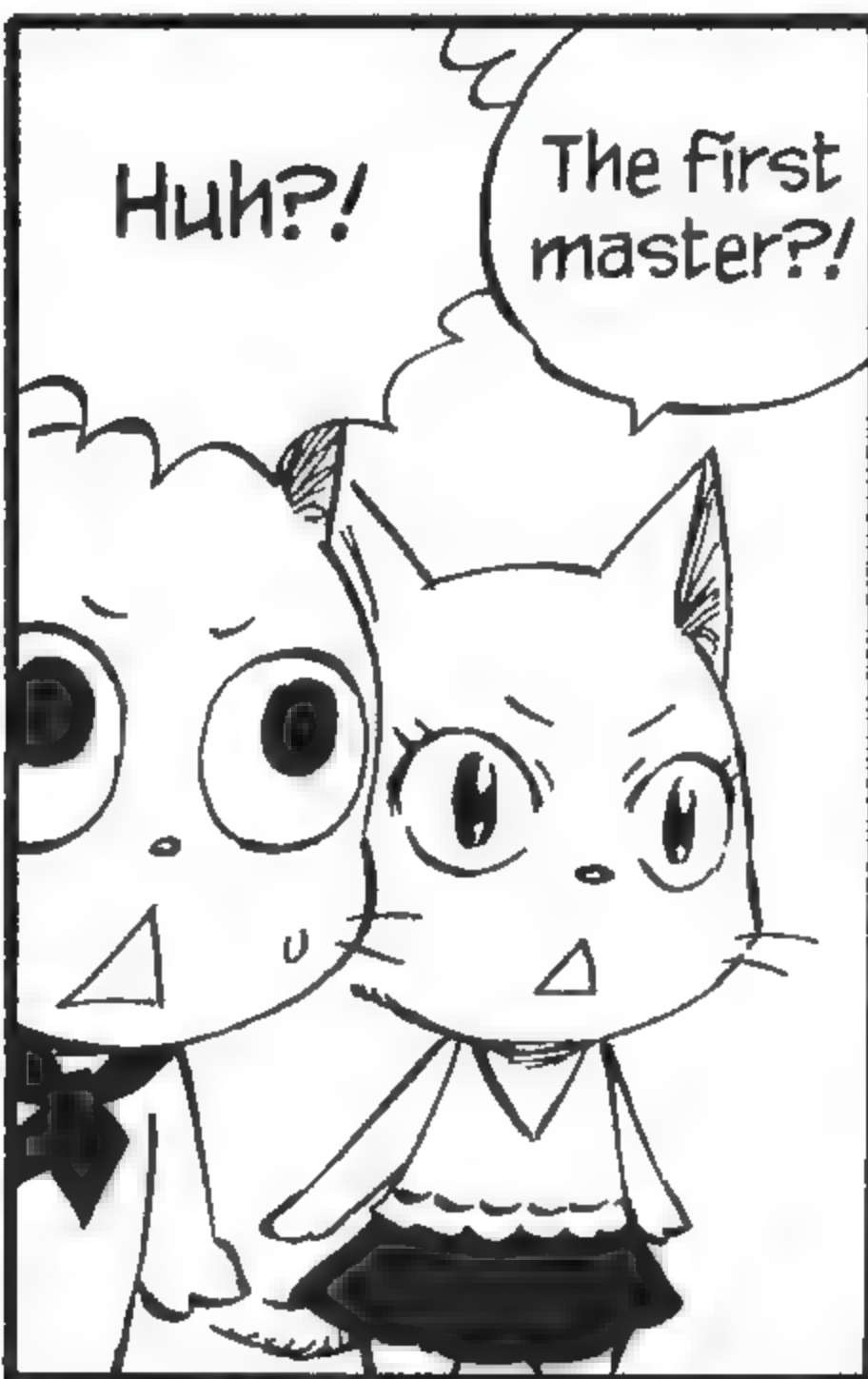
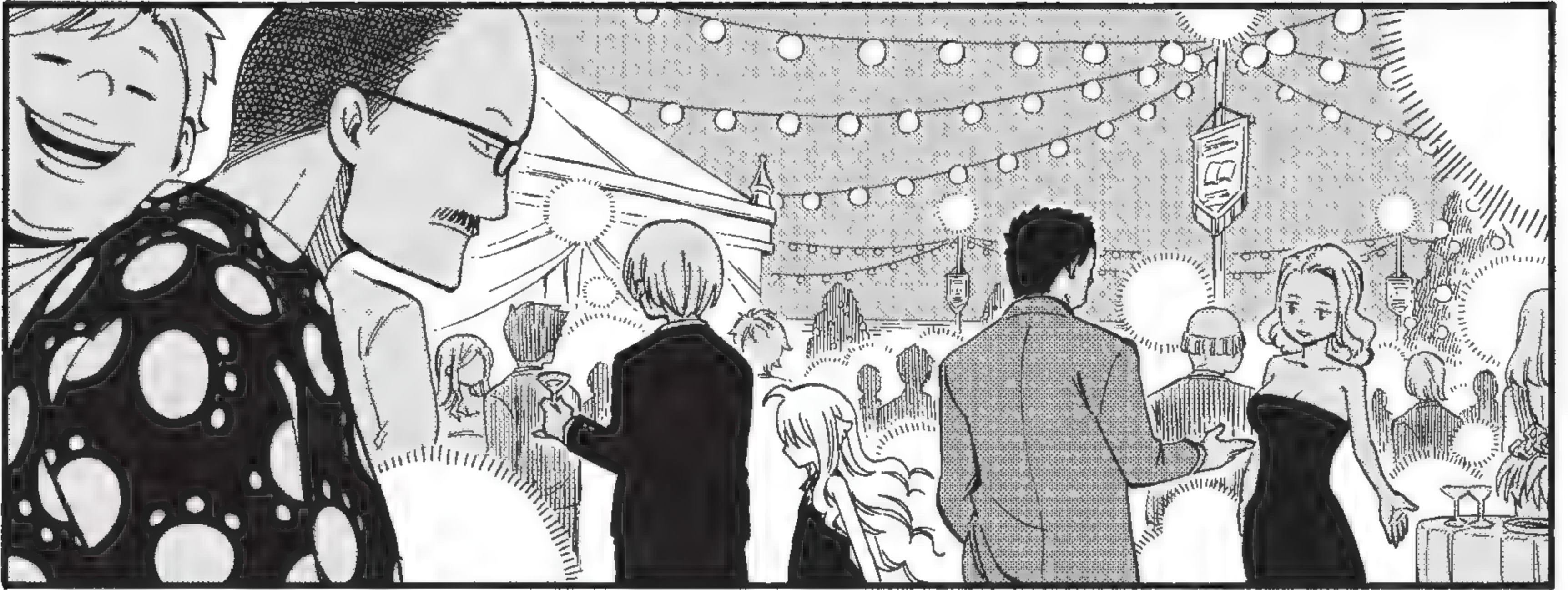
...what that truly was...?




How dare you strike a sick man!

If you're sick, then you shouldn't be drinking!!

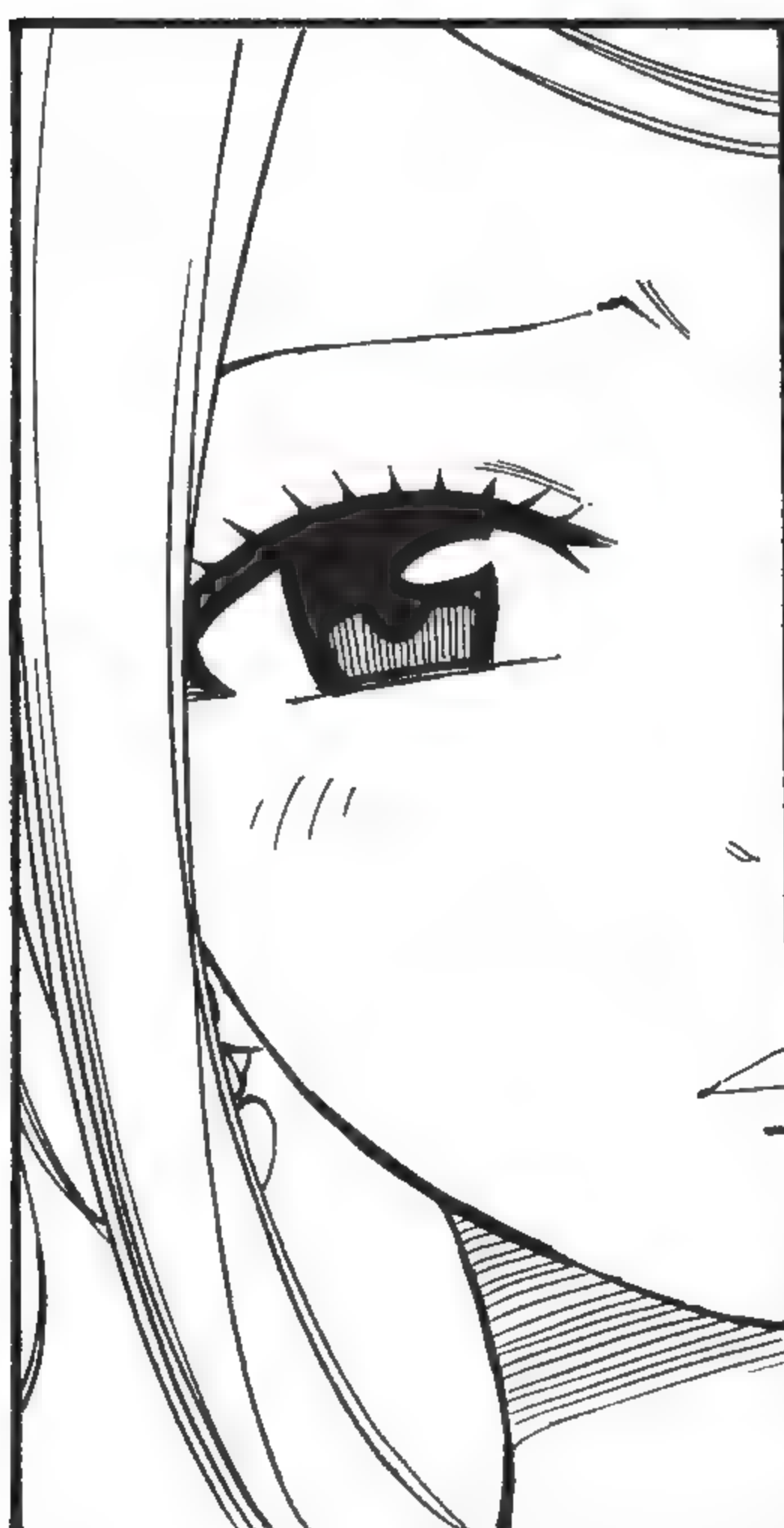
But the Master's as feisty as ever.





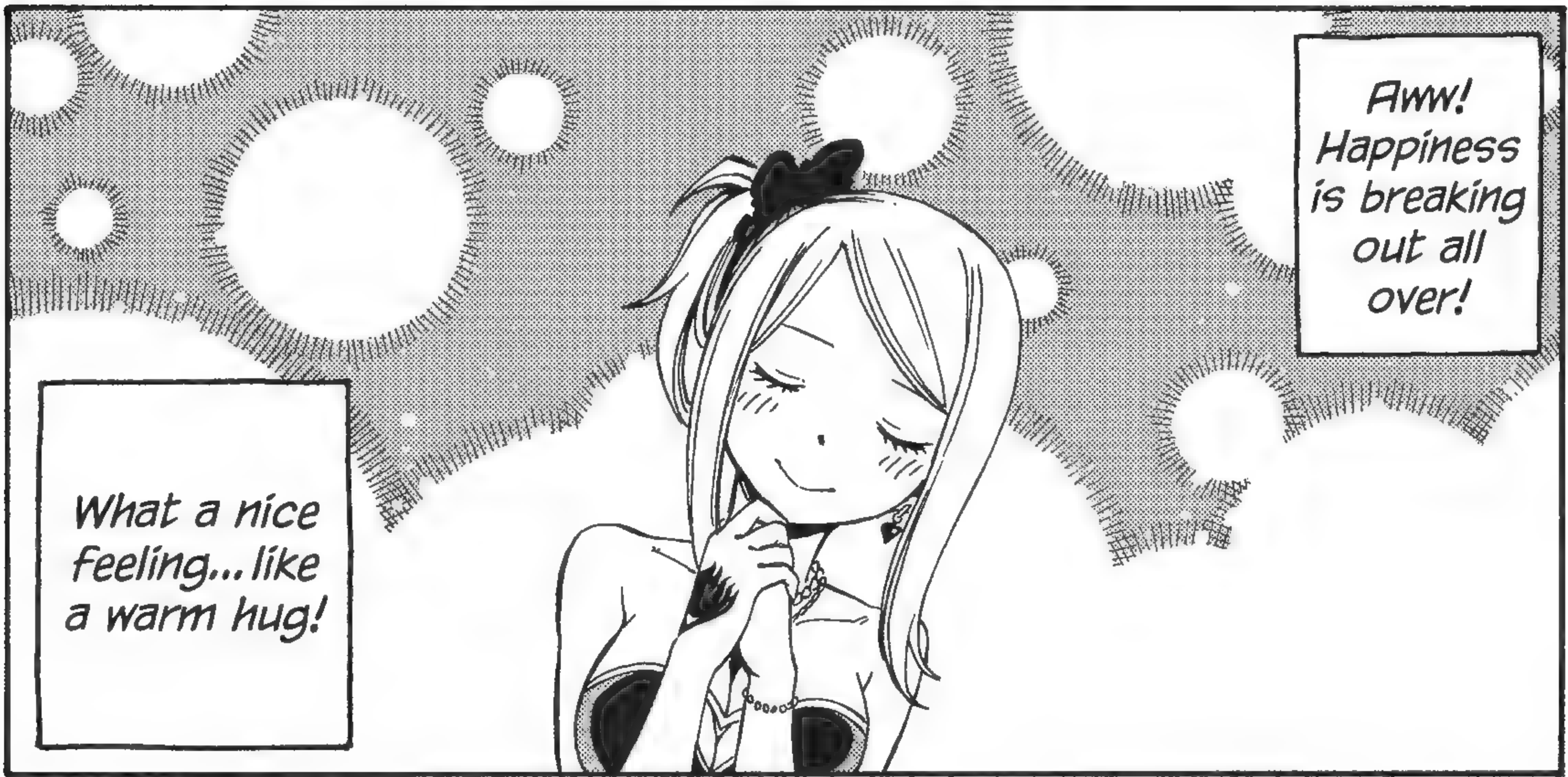
I think
you dropped
this.

!









What a nice feeling... like a warm hug!

Aww! Happiness is breaking out all over!



Hey, baby! Check out this chick!

I am never growing up to be like that!



Aw, just shut up, okay?

These modern times are *almost* advanced enough for me!

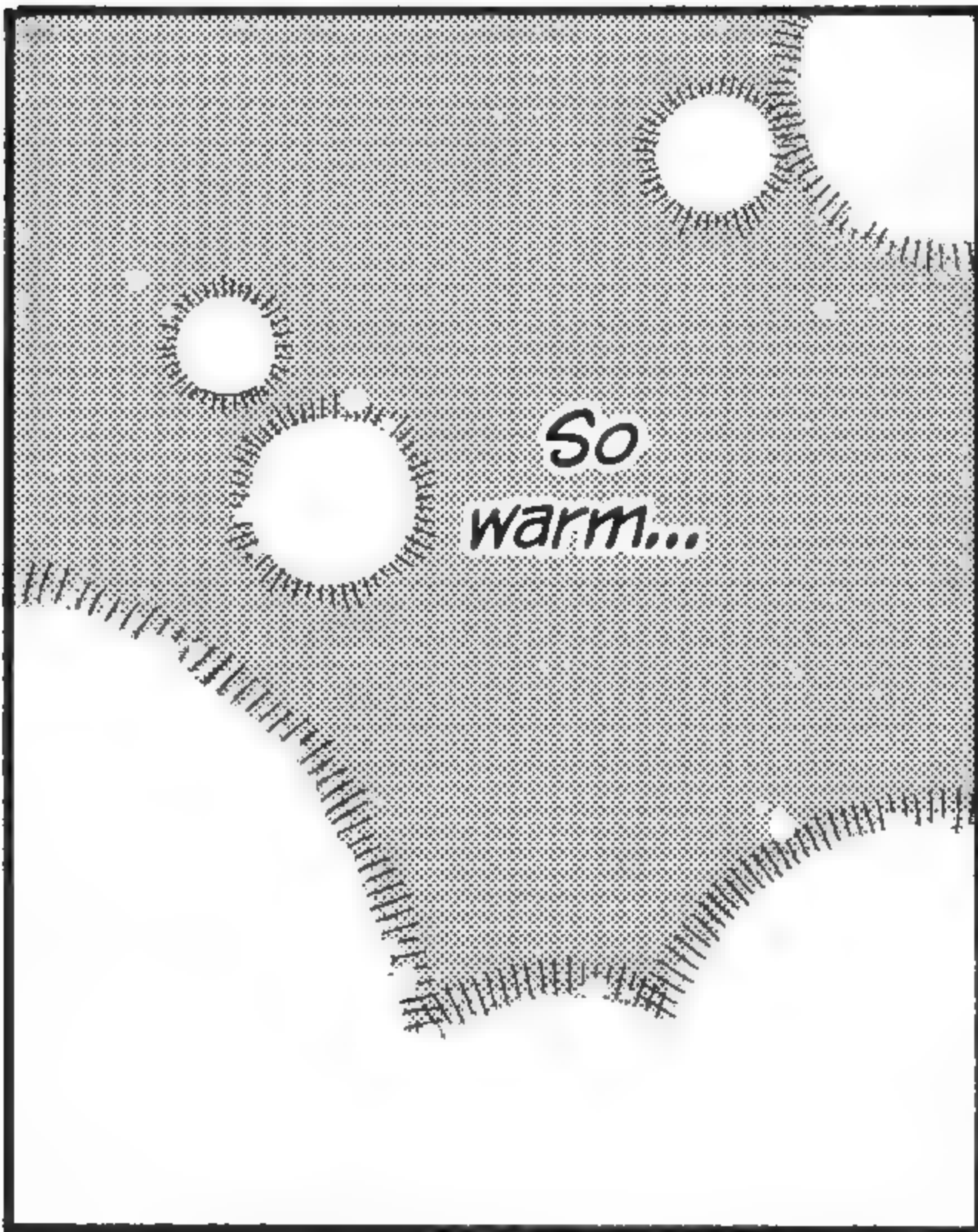
Ha ha ha!



Don't know! And wish I didn't care!

Hey! Have you seen Gajeel and Levy?!

Ask somebody else, wouldja?!



So warm...

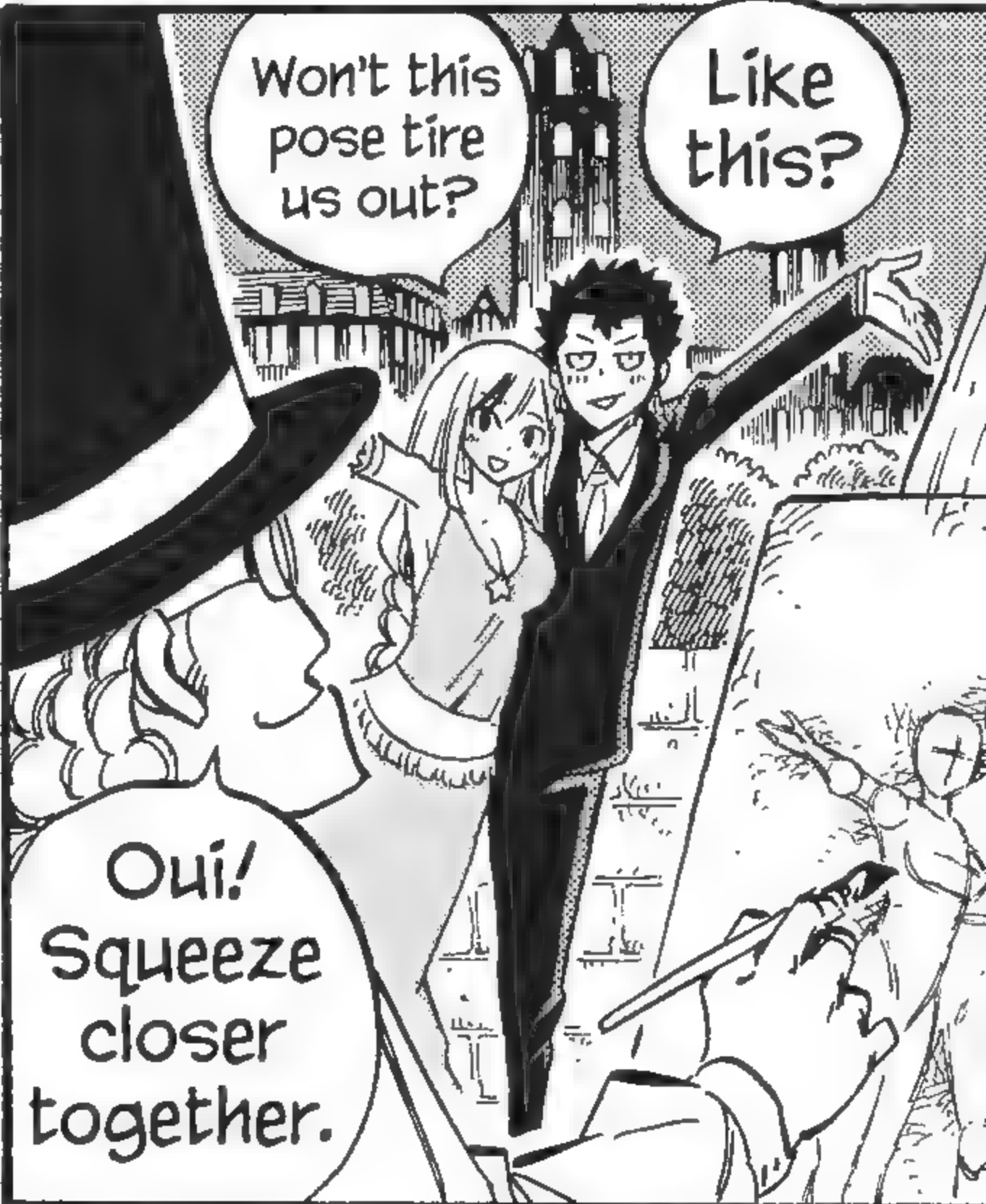


We've heard *that* one too many times!

Tomorrow, I'm going out on a job!

You have affixed a boyfriend to your-self?

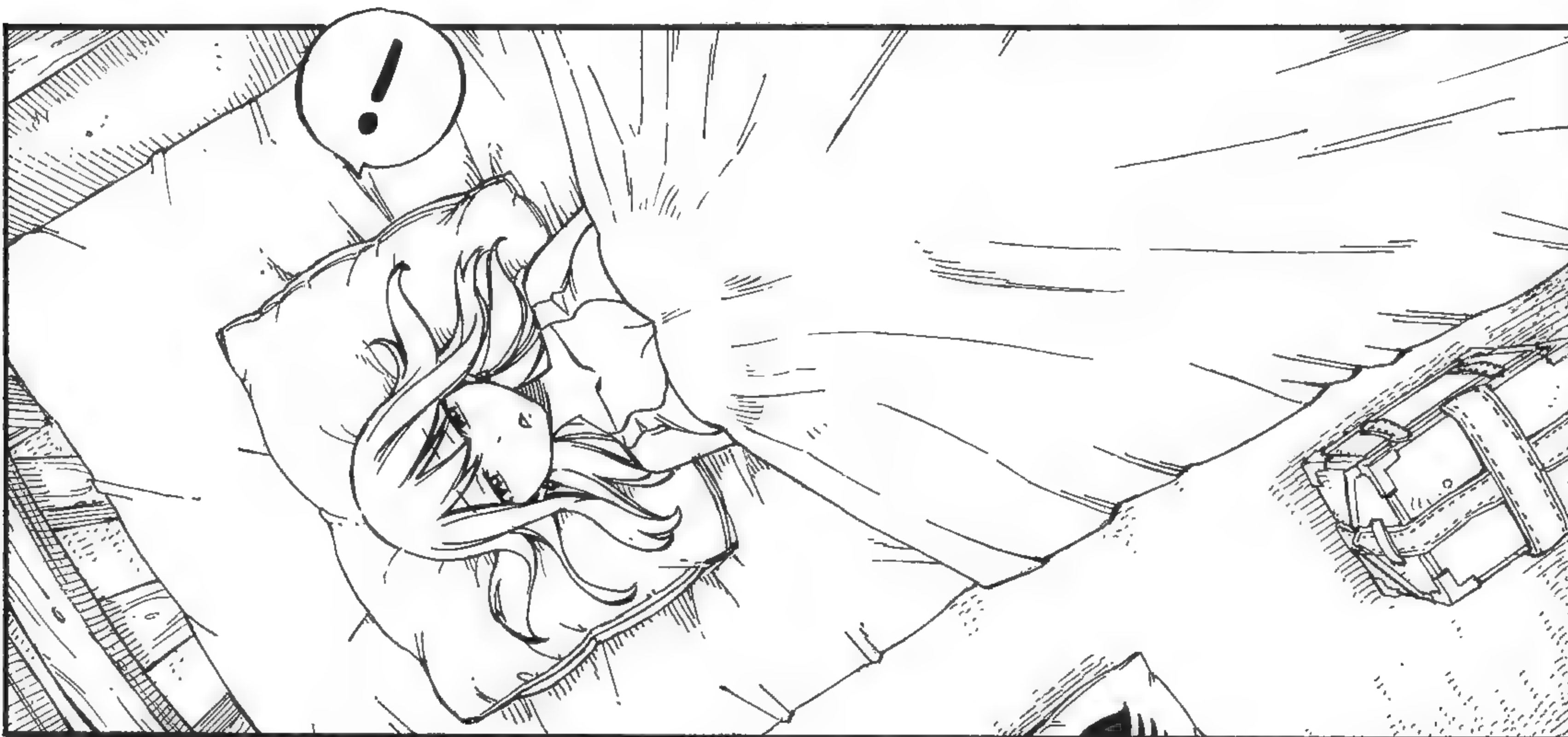
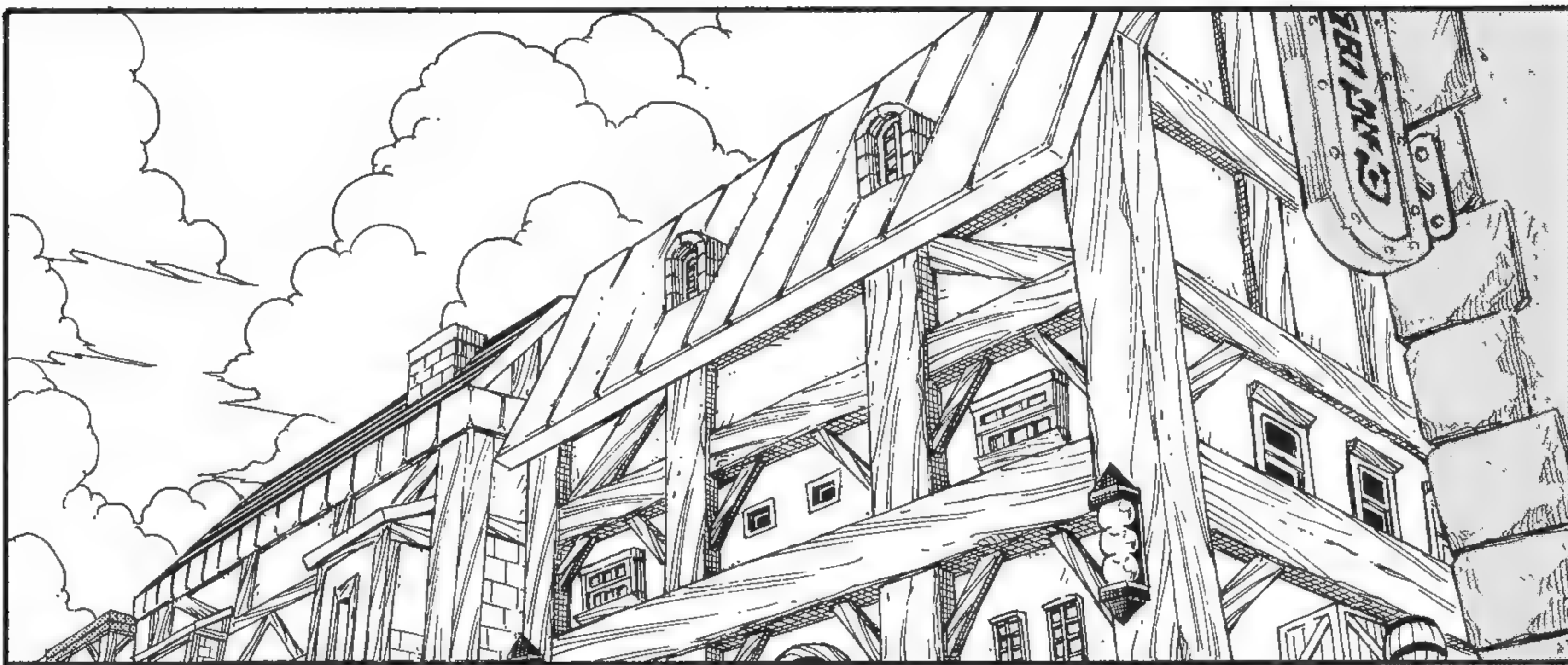
Yeah! His name's Eric, and...



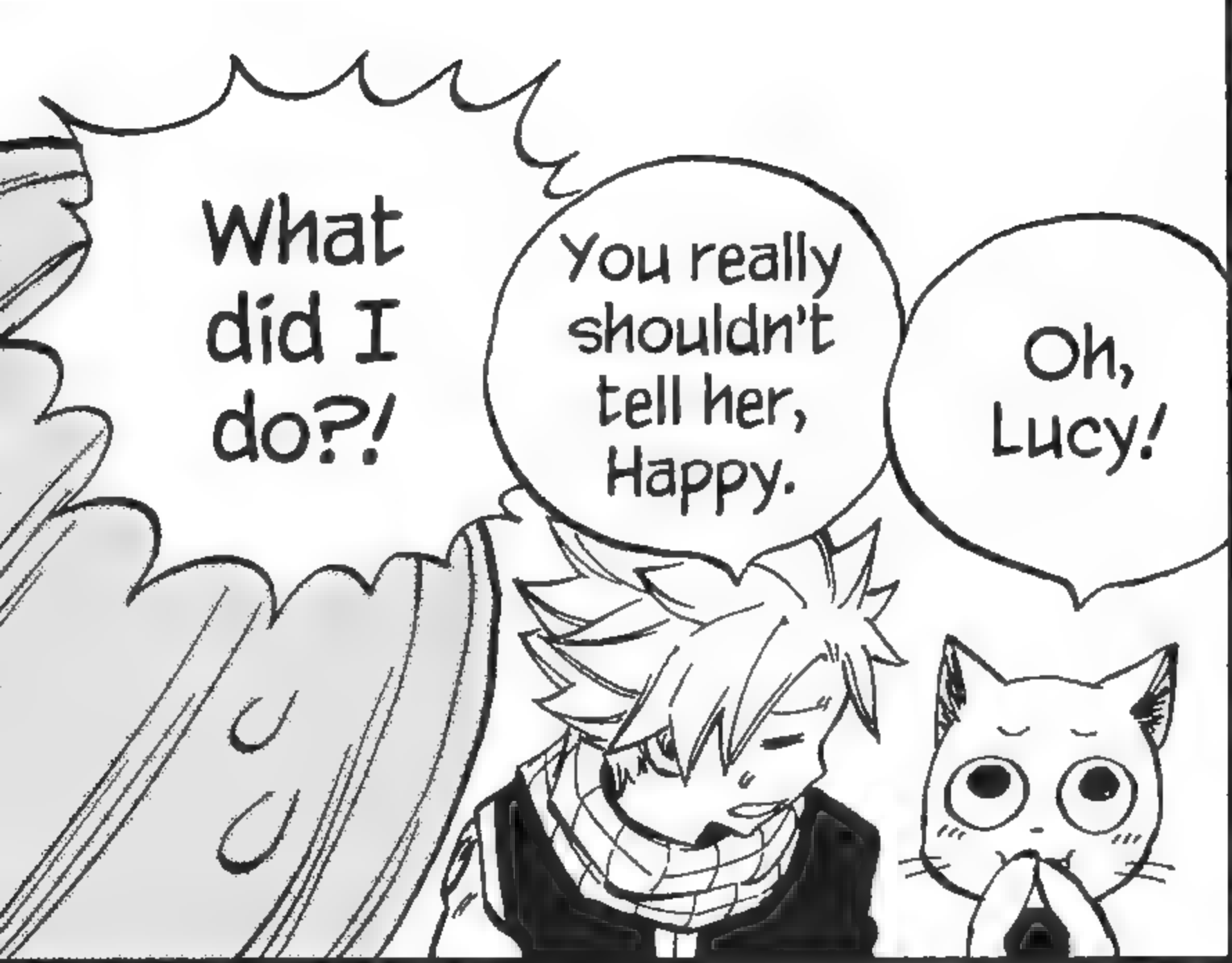
Won't this pose tire us out?

Like this?

Oui! Squeeze closer together.







What did I do?!

You really shouldn't tell her, Happy.

Oh, Lucy!



You mean I was that drunk?!

Why else? You completely passed out, and we carried you home!



Now I'll never walk down the aisle!



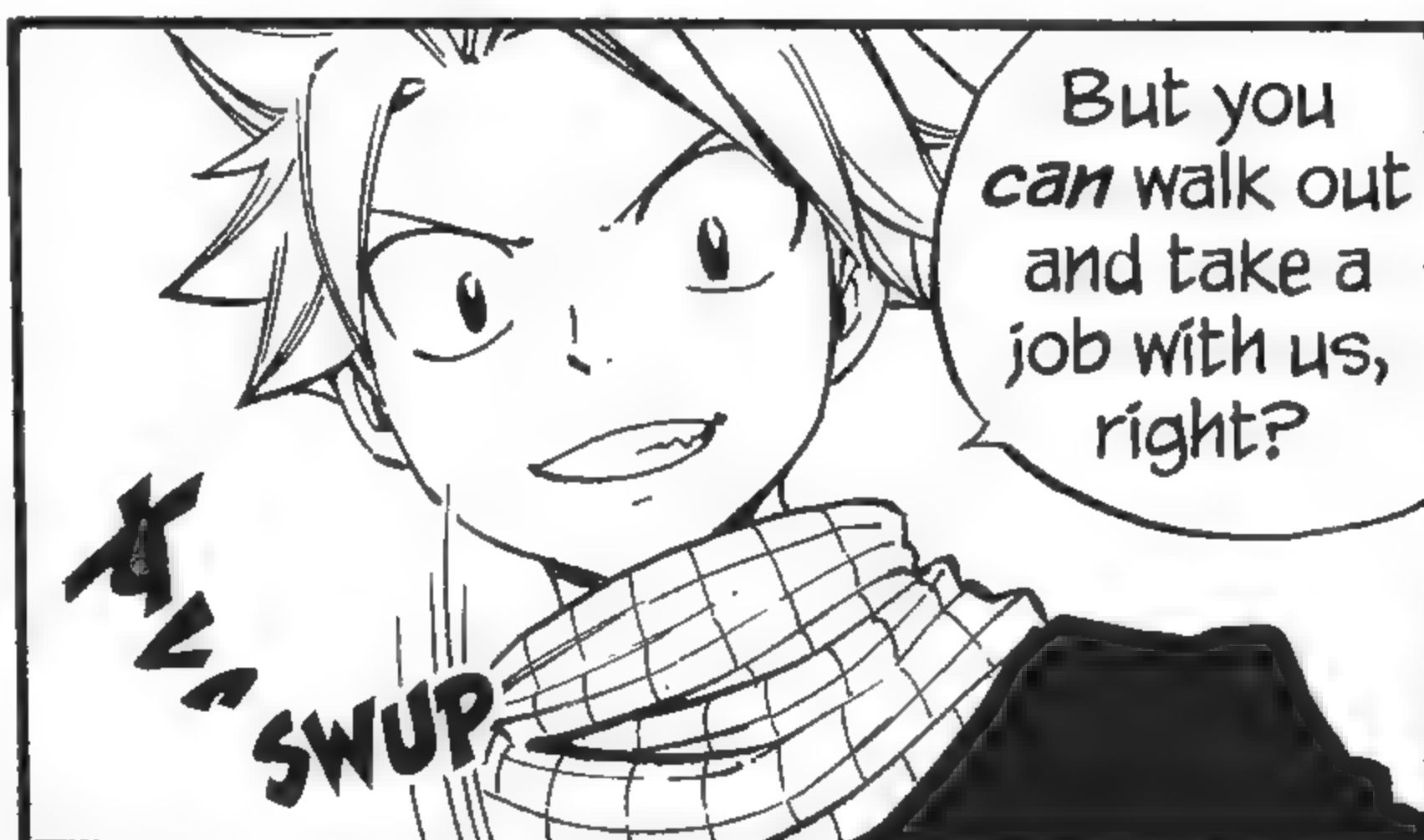
G'NIIIIIGHT!

HAPPY, LEMME CUDDLE YOU!

CHANGE MY CLOTHES FOR ME!

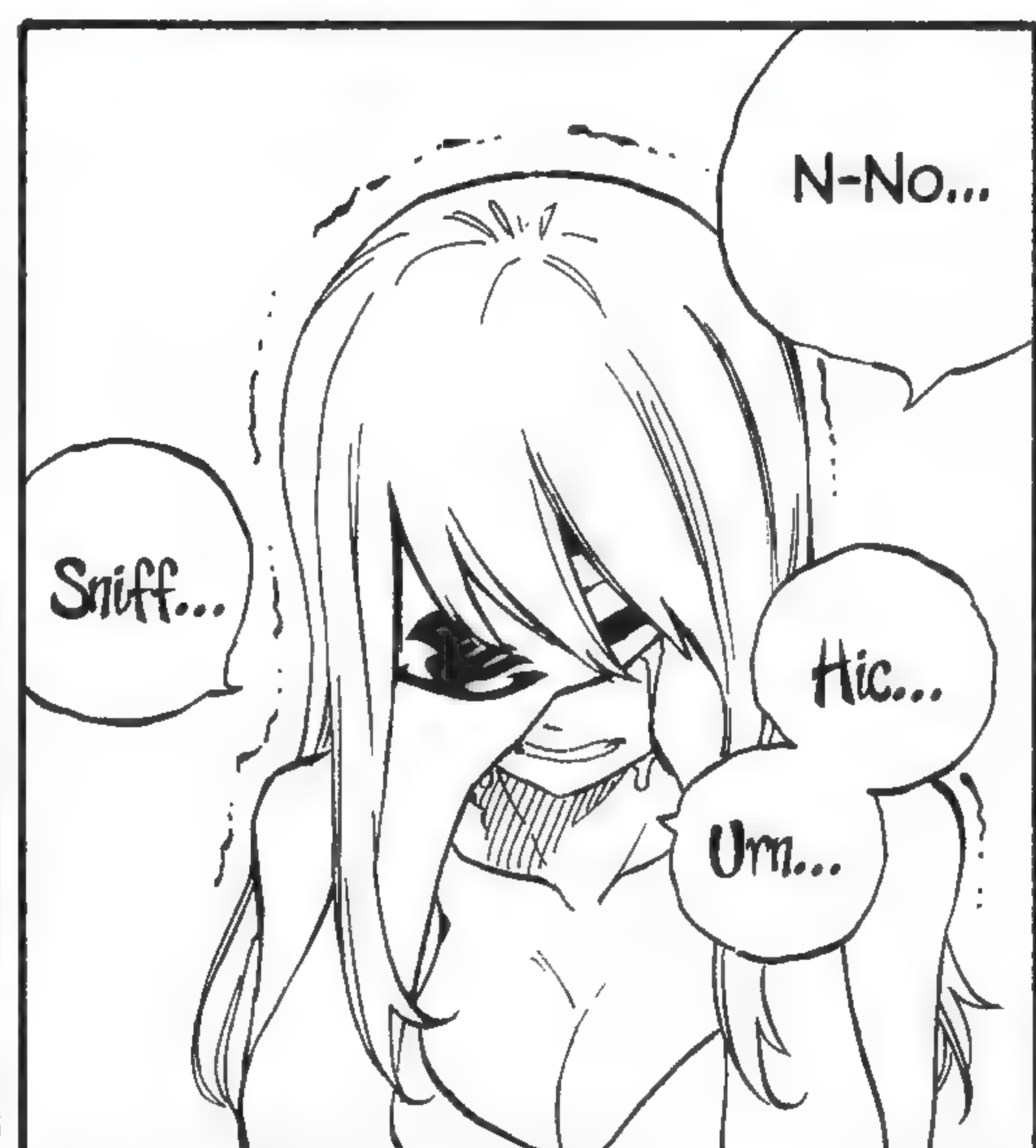
CARRY ME! CARRY ME!

OH, GOSH! I REMEMBER IT ALL!



But you *can* walk out and take a job with us, right?

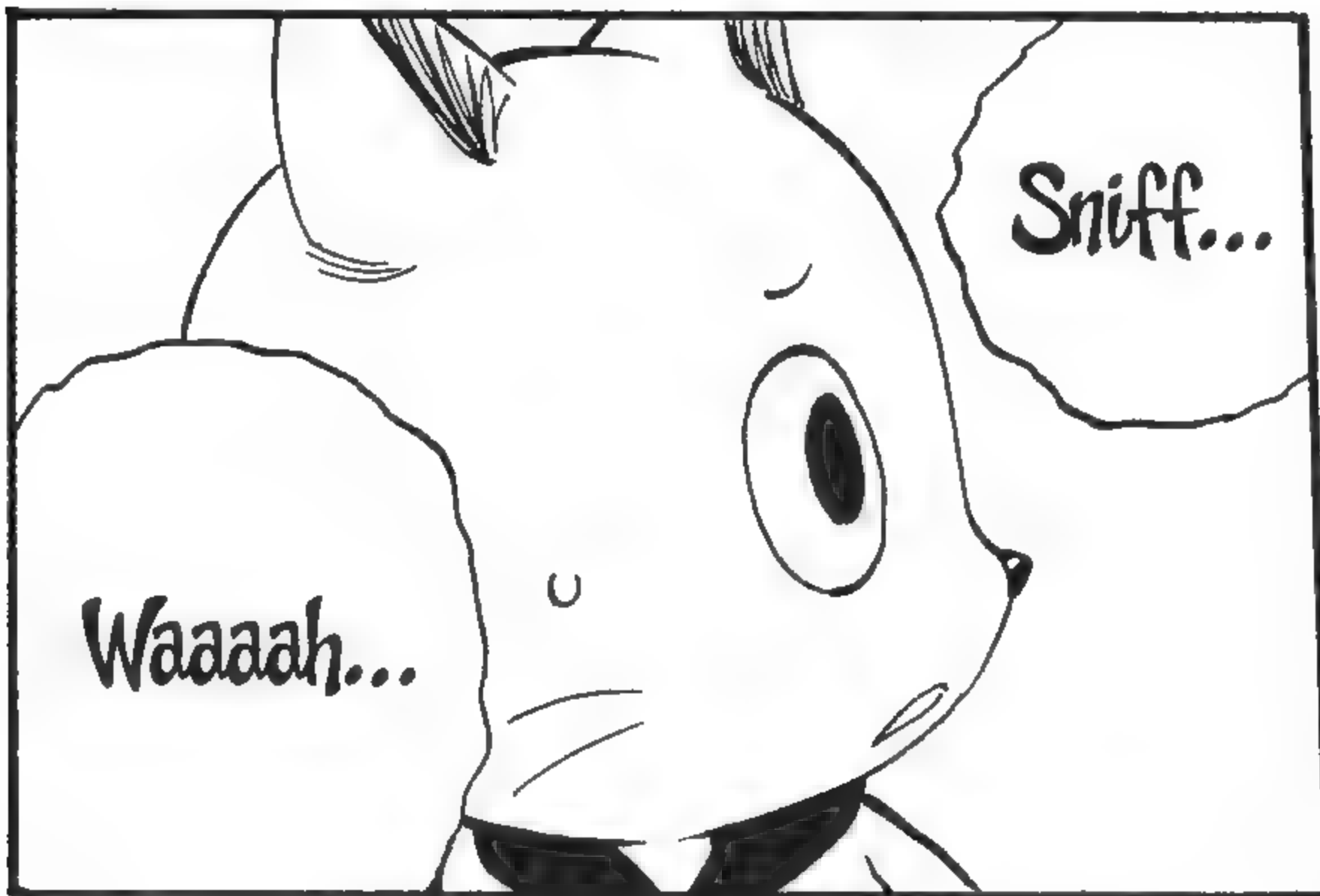
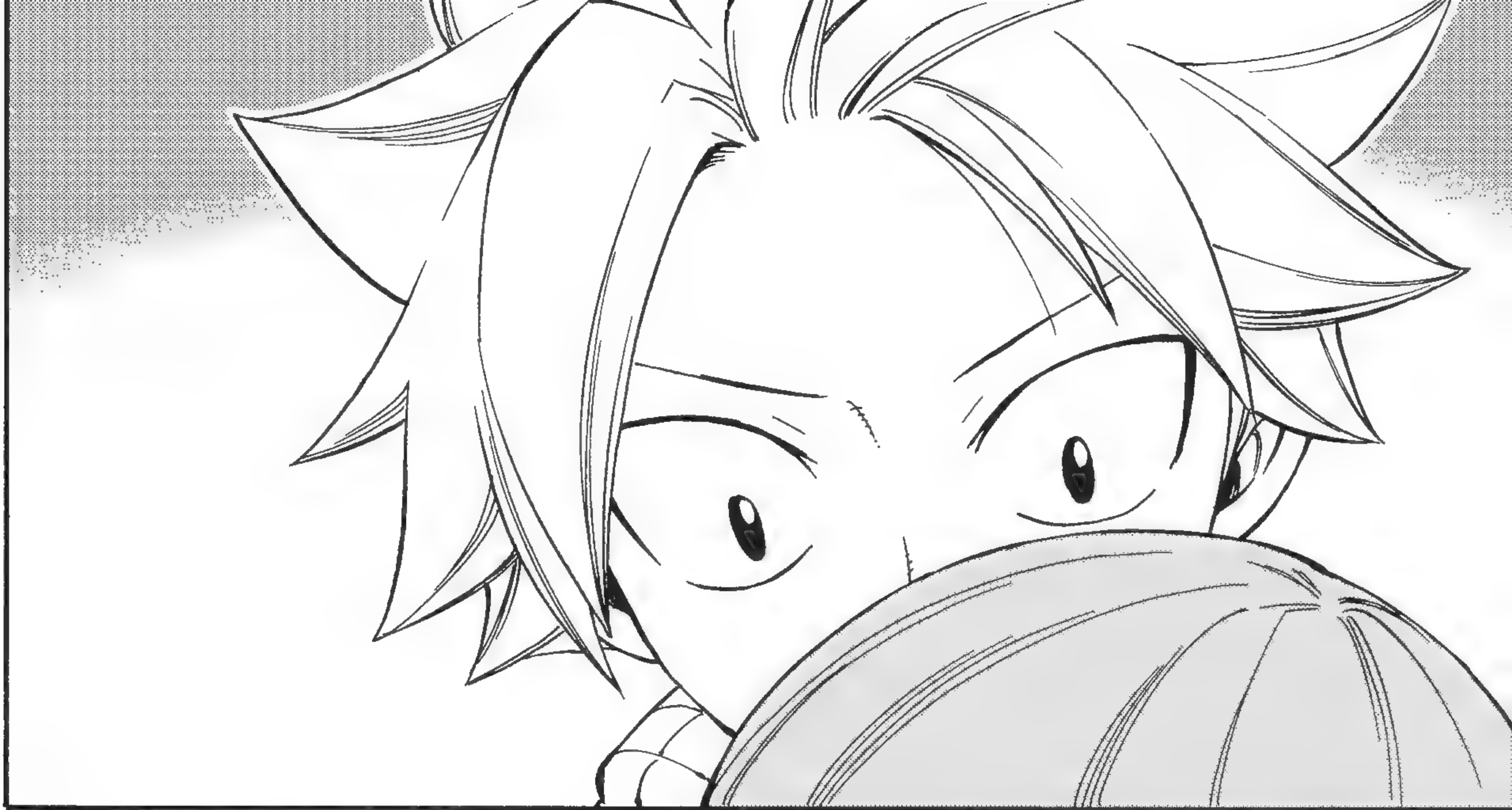
SWUP

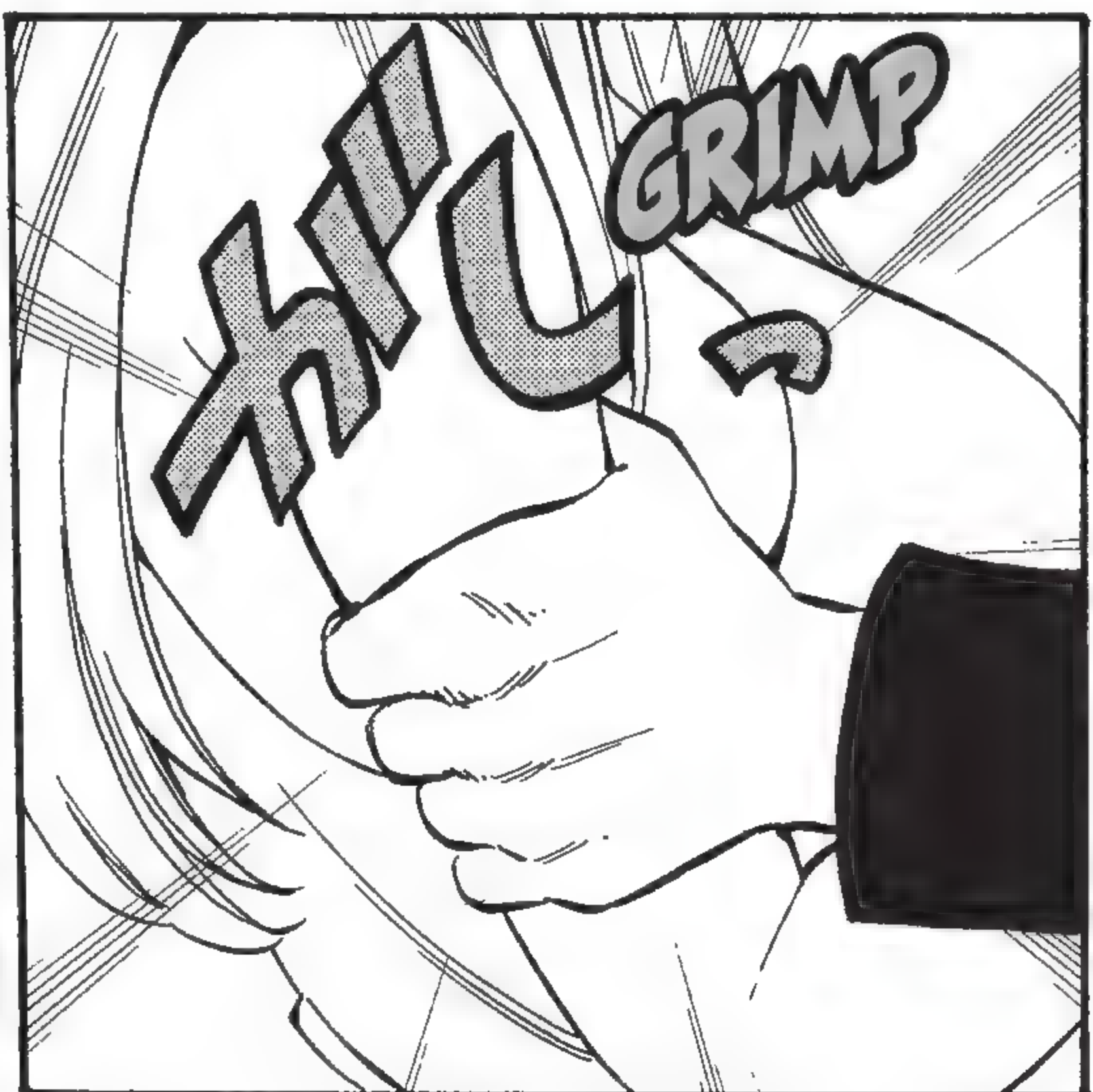
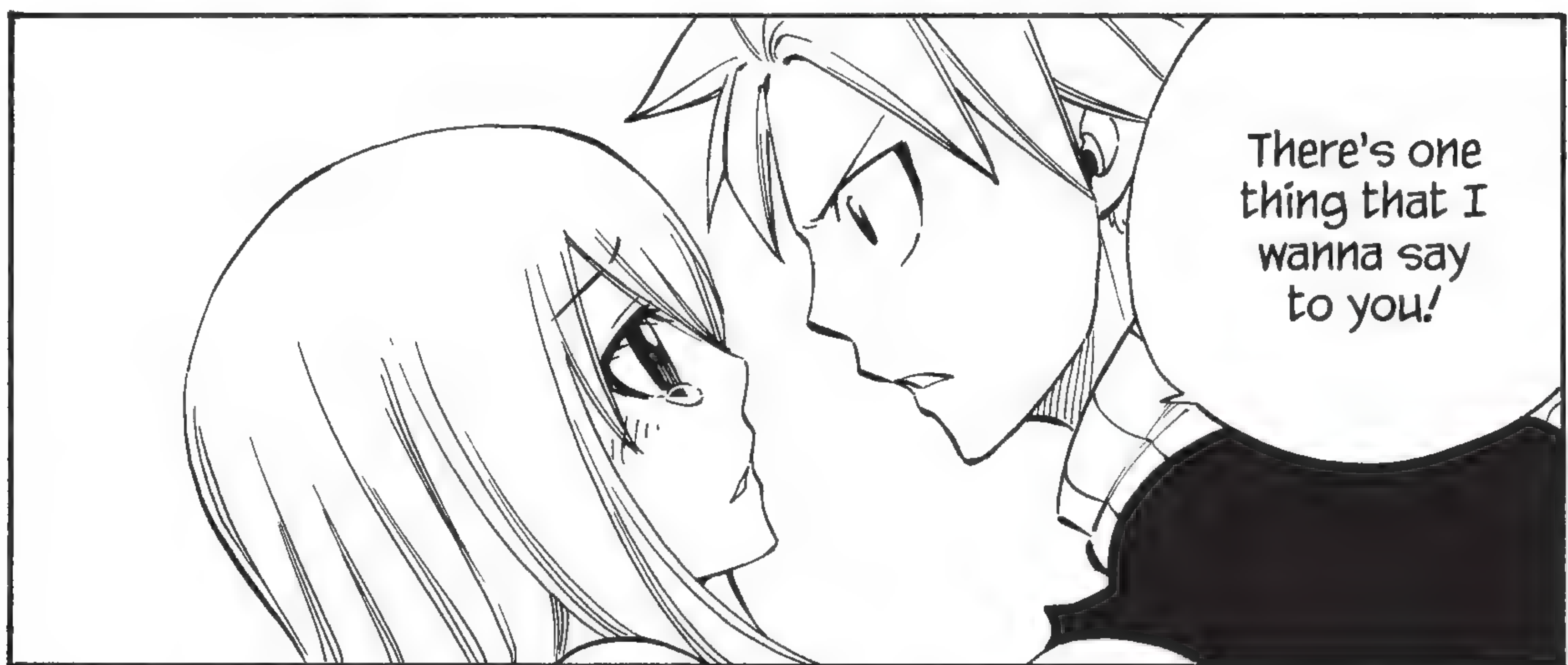


If I
never met
you and
Happy...

...I wouldn't
be who I am
today!









HUUUUUUH
?!!!

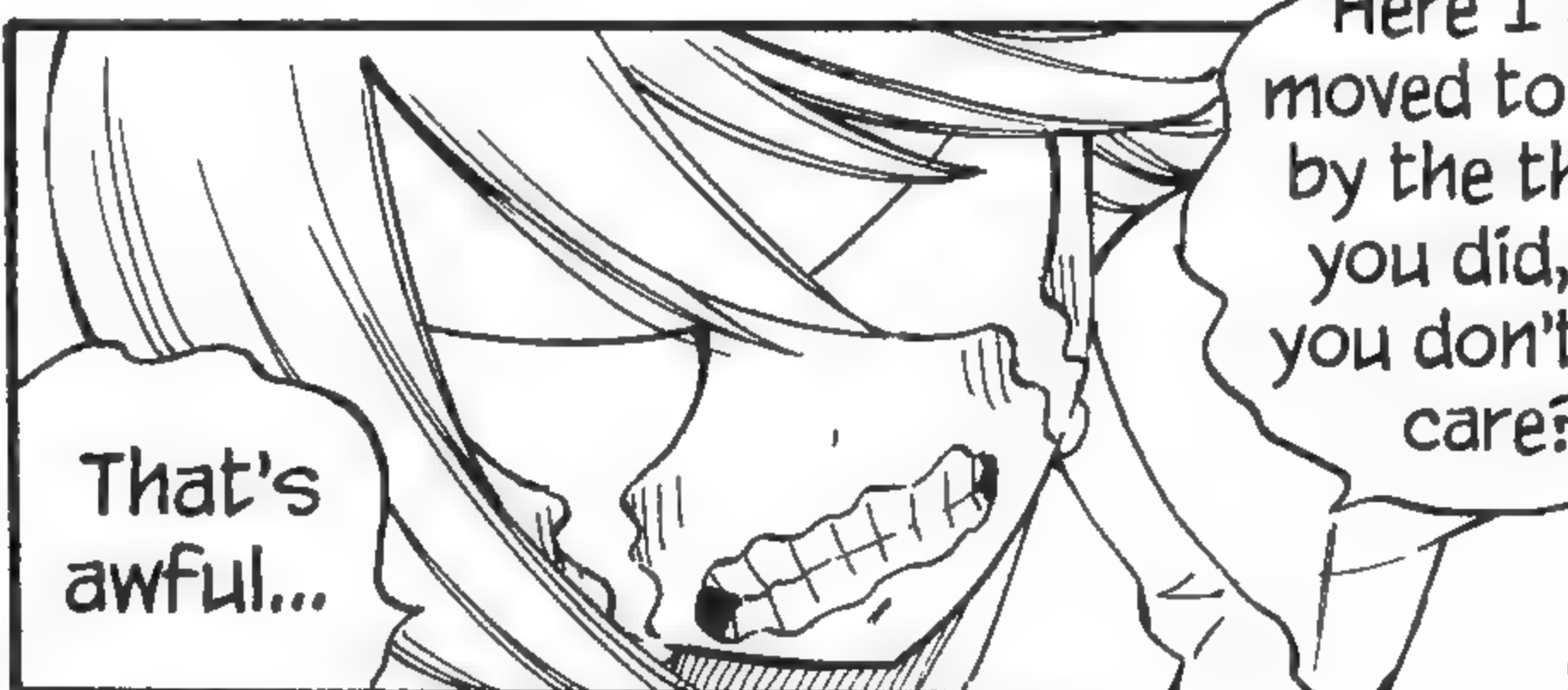
DASH

Who cares
about all that?!
We're goin' on a
job!!

Aye,
Sir!!!



What
does it
matter,
though?

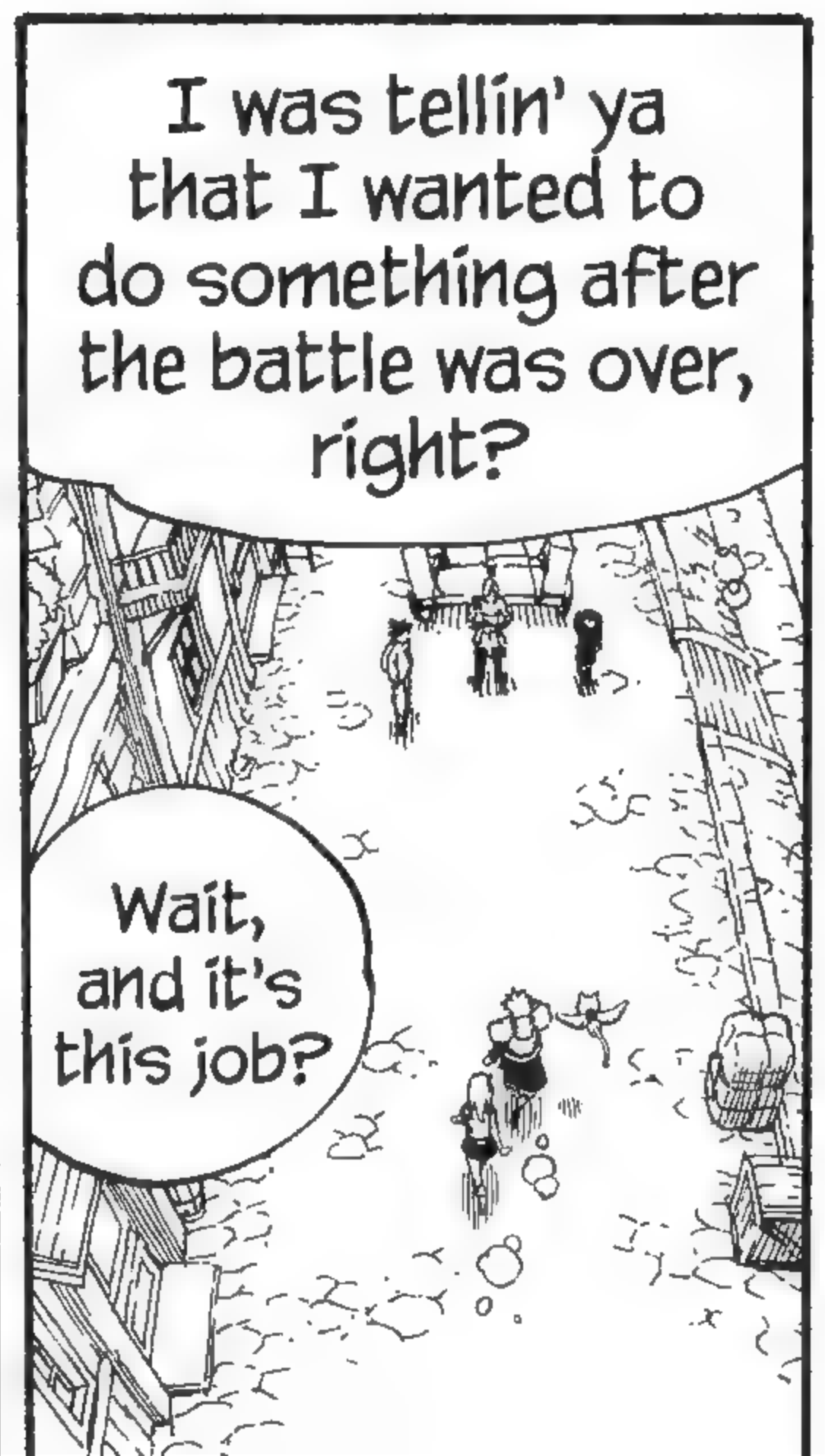
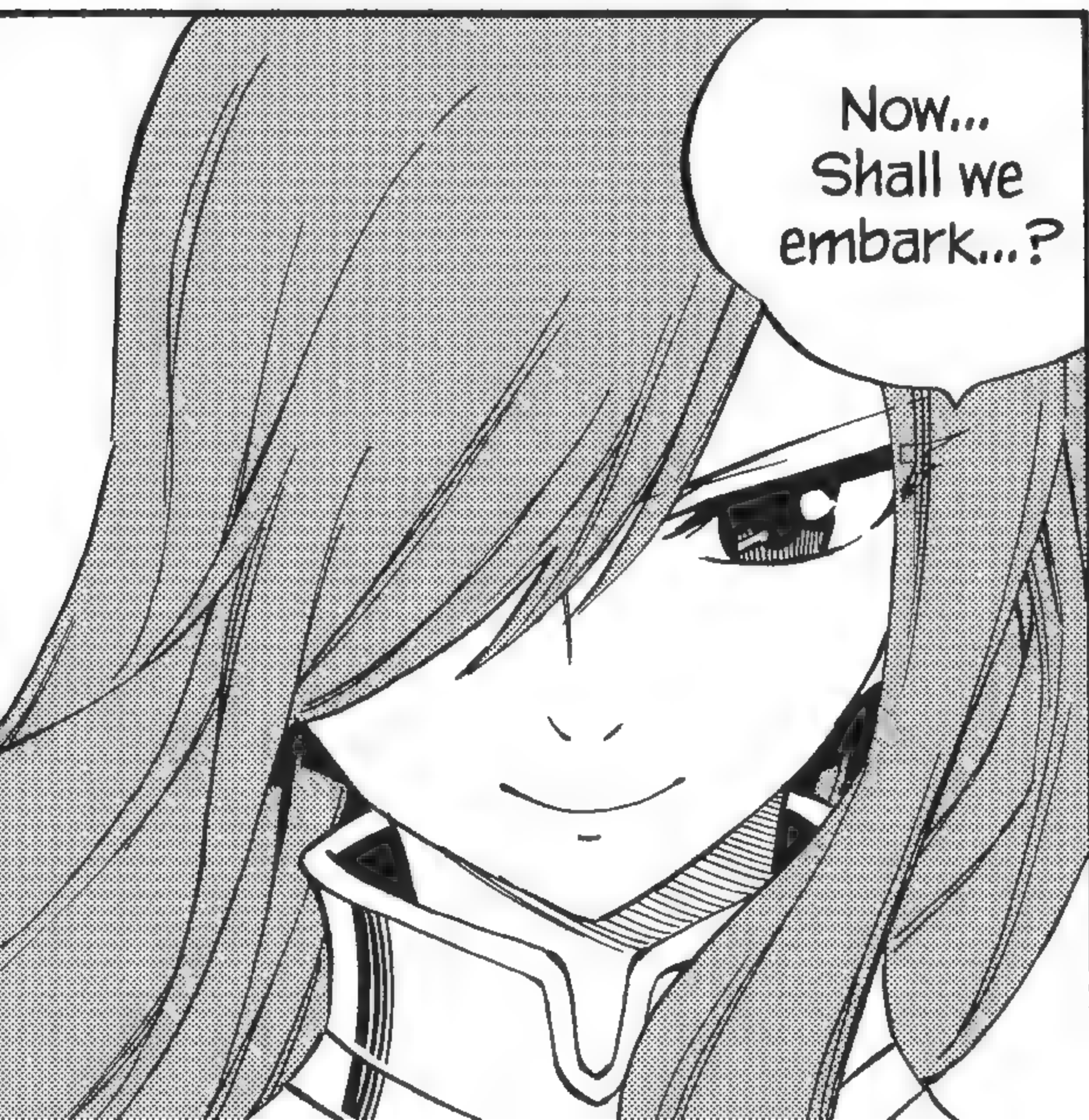
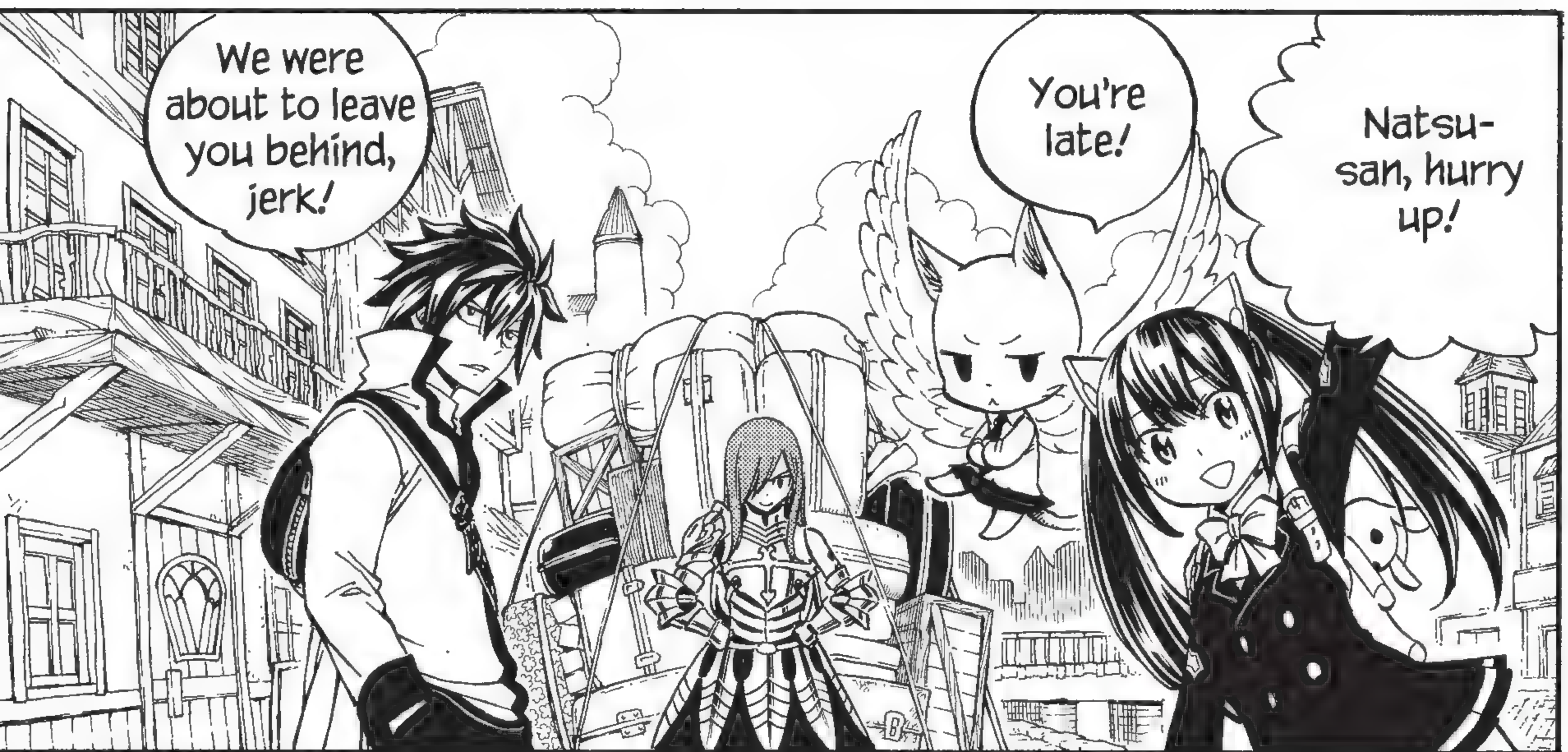


That's
awful...

Here I am,
moved to tears
by the things
you did, and
you don't even
care?!



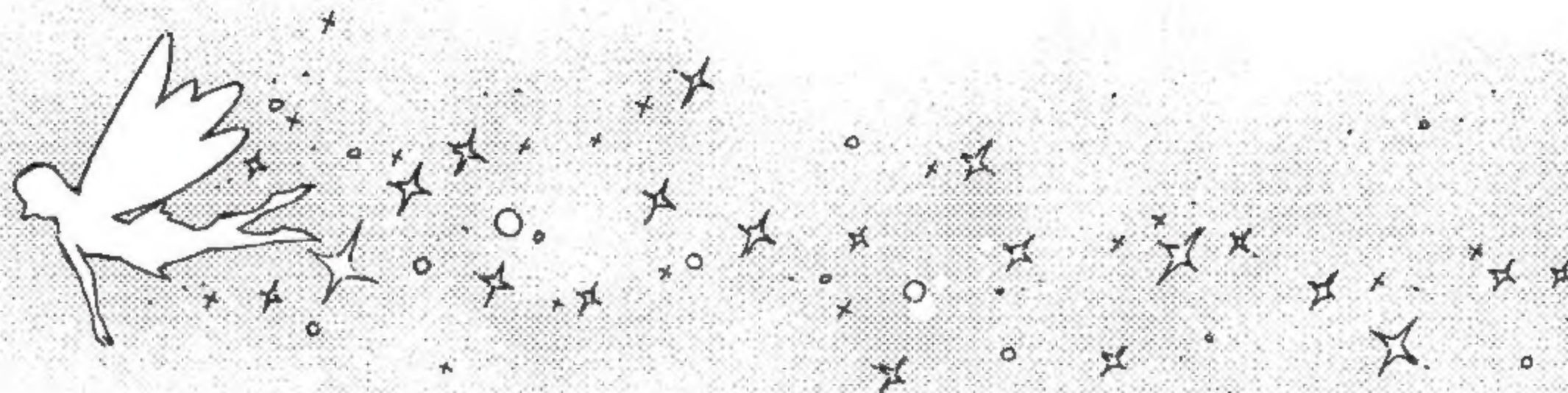
We're
still gonna be
together from
here on out,
right?



*On the
hundred-
year
quest
!!!!*

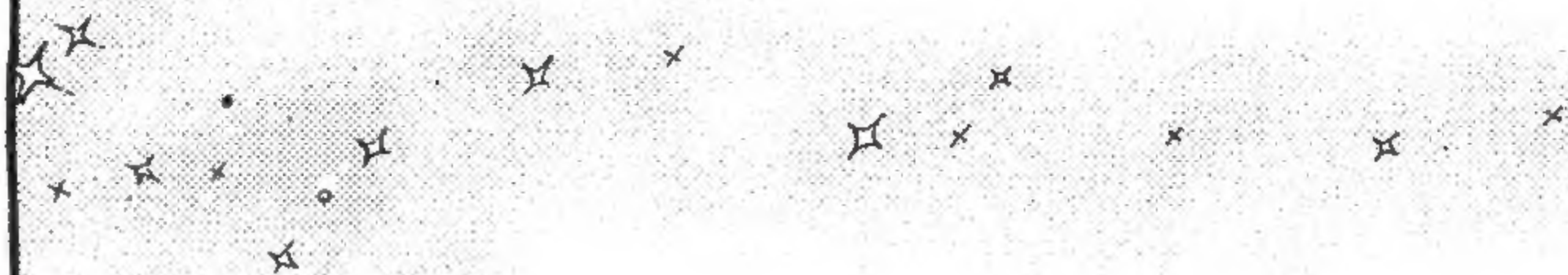
*I'm all
fired
up!!!!*



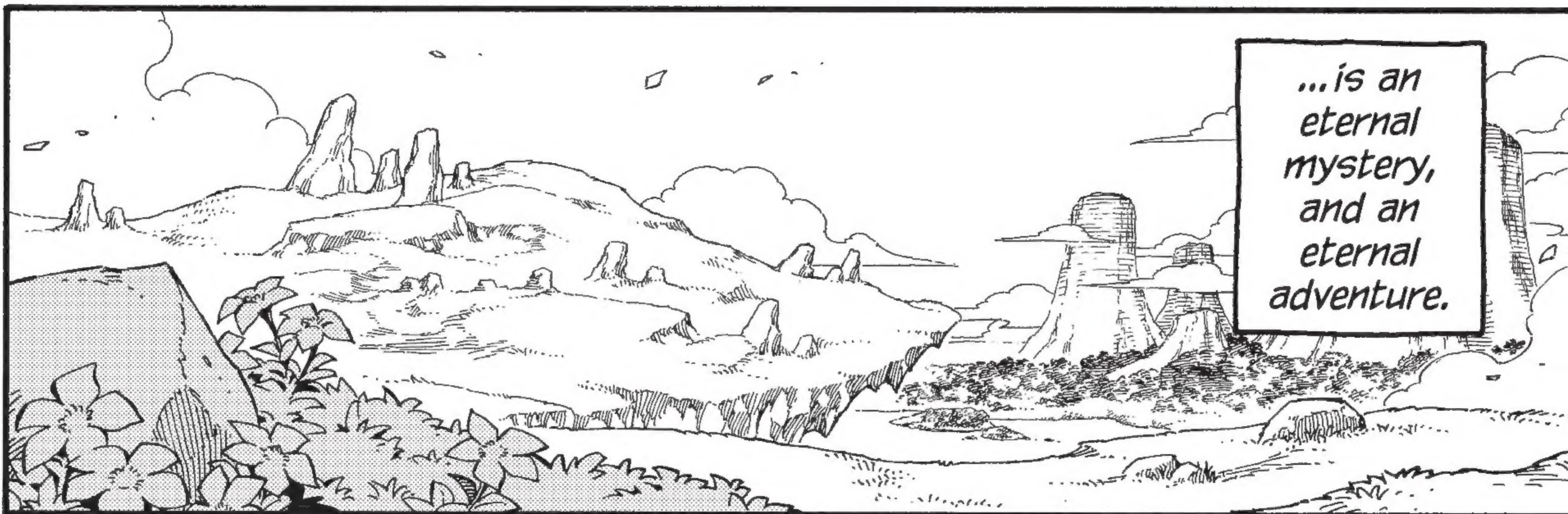


*The question
of whether
fairies have
tails or not...*

*Or even
the more
basic, do
fairies even
exist...*

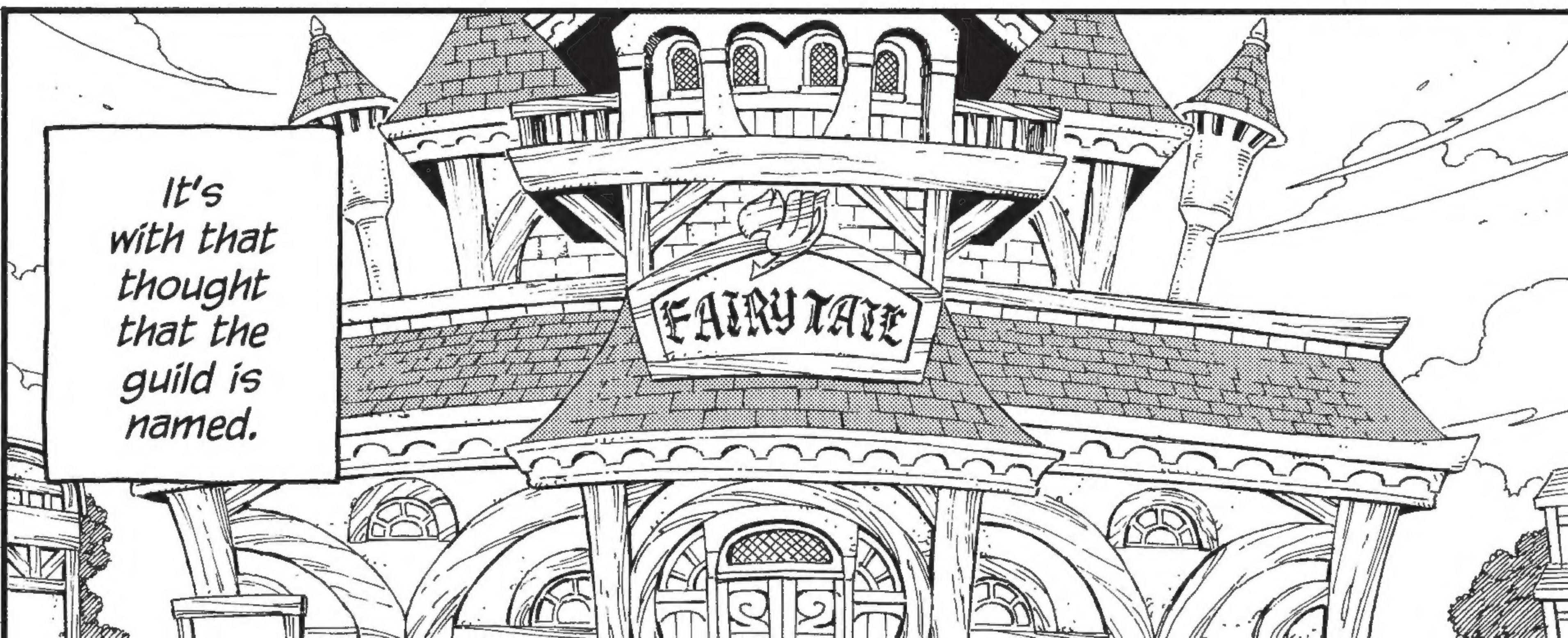


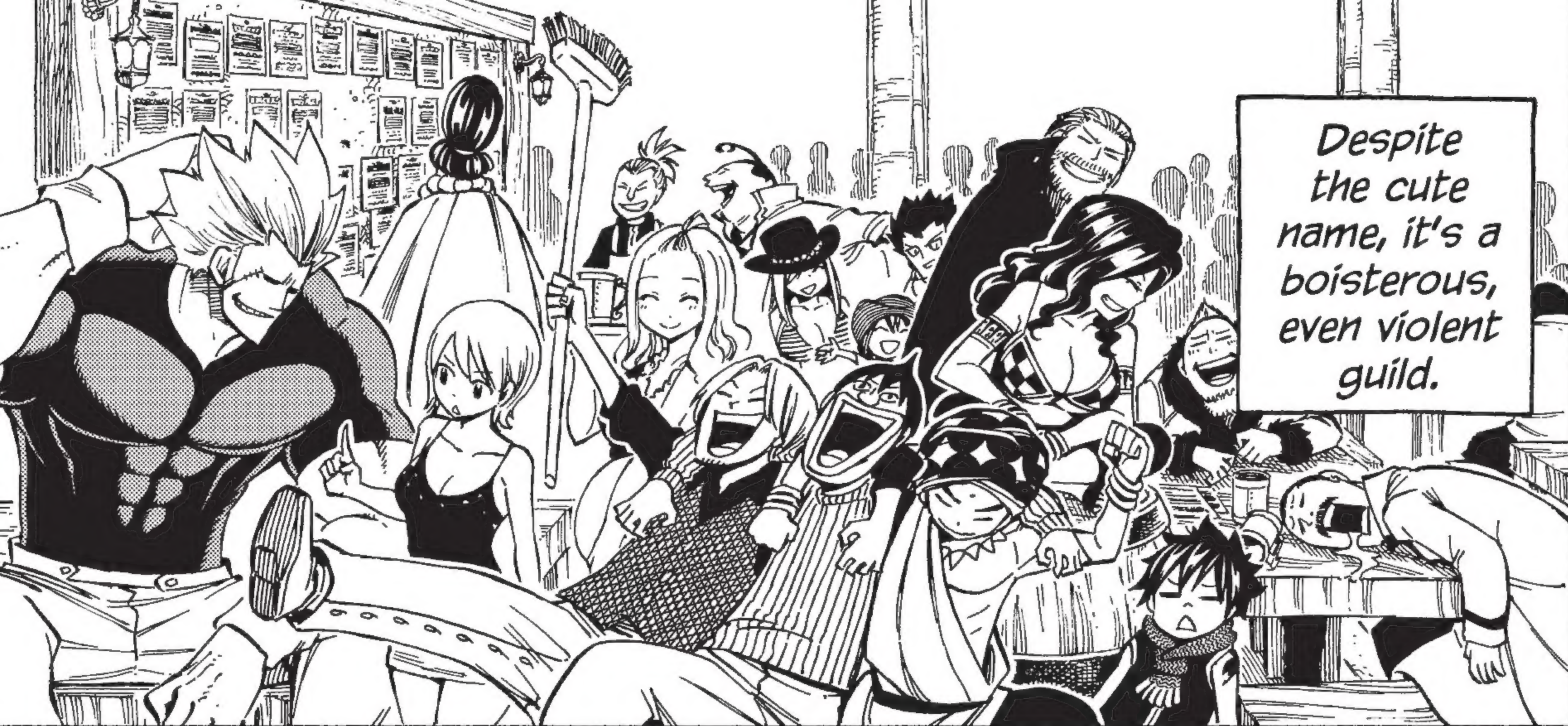
*...is an
eternal
mystery,
and an
eternal
adventure.*



*It's
with that
thought
that the
guild is
named.*

FAIRY TALE





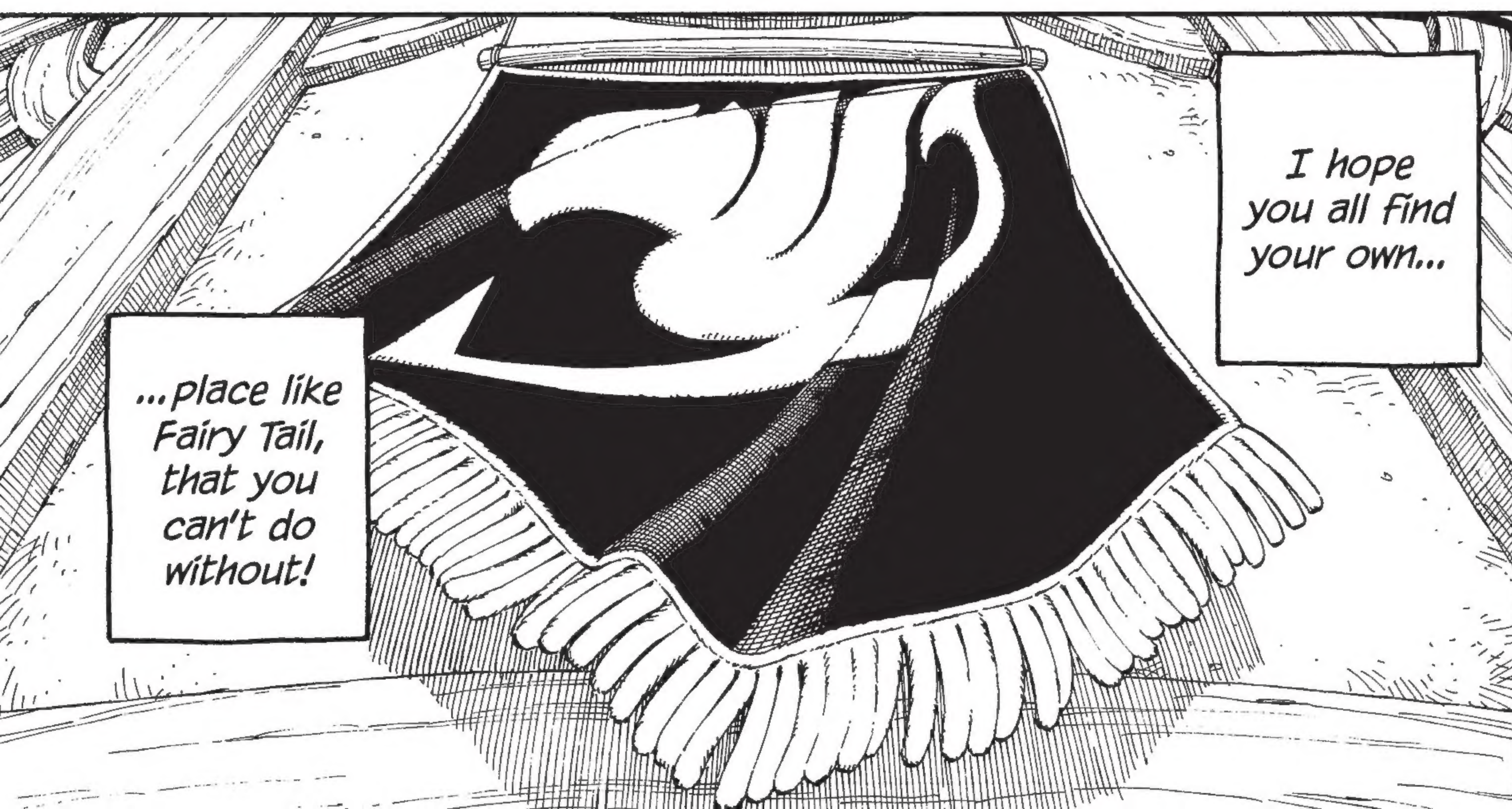
Despite
the cute
name, it's a
boisterous,
even violent
guild.



And
personally,
I love it!!



But
every
day is
fun!



I hope
you all find
your own...

...place like
Fairy Tail,
that you
can't do
without!

*With
friends
that you
love!*

See you!
♡

THE END

Thank you to all the fans

